



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship Service

February 19, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

Welcome and Community Life

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song

He is Exalted

Paris

*Call to Worship

Psalm 99

One: The Lord is king! Let the whole earth quake!

All: Let the nations praise your great and awesome name. Your name is holy!

One: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have acted with justice and righteousness.

All: Exalt the Lord our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!

One: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain in Jerusalem.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

Song

Everything Glorious

Crowder

Call to Confession

John 3: 19

One: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Sisters and brothers, you are forgiven and accepted—be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

Song

Your Presence in Heaven

Houghton

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 17: 1-9 NRSVue

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

What Goes Up, Must Come Down

Rev. John C. Tittle

*Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Shine

Collective Soul

Prayers of the People

One: Lord, refresh us and renew us,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Song

Holy Is the Lord

Tomlin, Giglio

*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Kevin Murphy, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoración Ensemble – George Davis, Joy Hager, Sandy Russell, Christina Russell, Clay Whittington, Bob and Carol Van Gelder

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