

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



**11:00am Traditional 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)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CANTERBURY

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRELUDE

Heaven

Ellington

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 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!

*HYMN

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

Kendrick

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: Eternal God, we confess that we do not expect and long for the transforming power of your love to work miracles in these hard hearts of ours. Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle, to relieve us of the responsibilities and the challenges you set before us. Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power and in the power of love to change our lives, and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons Christ calls us to be. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF 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.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

Pardini

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF 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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: **We believe in God whose grandeur and glory are beyond our knowing: the creator of all life's richness, bounty and variety. We believe in Jesus, the Image of the invisible God: he shows us the glory of the Father, and the love with which everything is made: he is the light of the world, always shining in the darkness. We believe in the Holy Spirit of God, the breath of life who renews and transforms; who startles us with glimpses of glory; who inspires our seeking and searching. We believe in the God of glory. Amen**

*HYMN

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Day

OFFERTORY

Come Sunday

Ellington

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Harm. Hopson

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: O God of all people and places, who created all the earth and called it good. We come bringing our gifts with the earnest prayer that you will bless them. Take these gifts, we ask you, and multiply them, so that the world may know the light of Christ in the midst of darkness.

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.

*HYMN

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

French melody

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

When the Saints Go Marching In

Arr. Curd

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Steven Macardican, saxophone

Tim Bacchus, hymn leader

Laurie Emery, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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