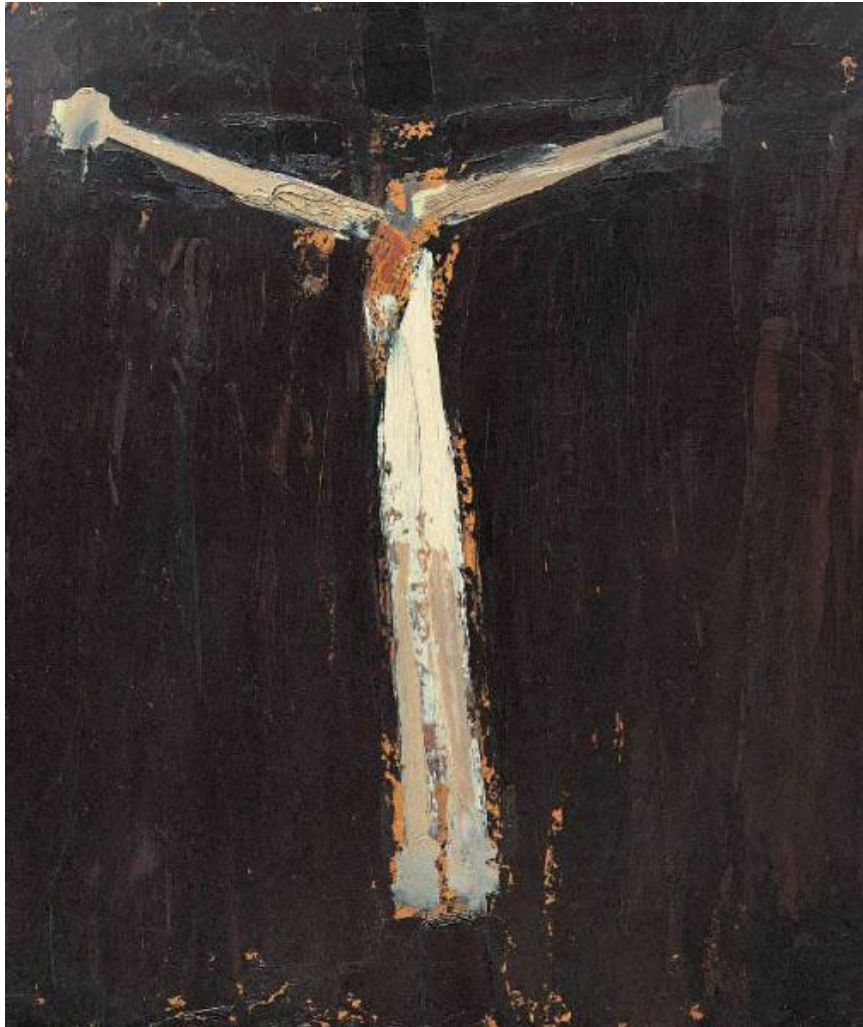


Immanuel Presbyterian Church



11:00am Traditional Worship Service
2nd Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

Aria on Redhead No. 76

Moore

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 22

One: You who fear the Lord, praise and revere him!

All: For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

One: From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

All: The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him—may your hearts live forever!

One: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

All: All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him.

One: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

All: They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

*HYMN

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

No. 718

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 58

One: The Lord speaks through the Prophet Isaiah: Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice; to share your bread with the hungry; to bring the homeless poor into your house; to clothe the naked? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly. Having heard these promises, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mercy, your Son Jesus Christ longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love. Yet we confess that we have often walked past Christ's extended arms and lived life on our own as prodigal daughters and sons. Like wayward children, we have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts

have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in action we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 4

One: Hear the good news: The Prophet Abraham trusted God and did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God. He grew strong in faith as he gave glory to God. Therefore Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness. In the same way God will credit righteousness to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised to life for our justification. Brothers and Sisters, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

*KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, Have Mercy

No. 551

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8: 31-38 NRSVue

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Letting Go for Dear Life
Rev. John C. Tittle

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 43

One: What benefit do we receive from the sacrifice and death of Christ on the cross?

All: Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

No. 450

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Immanuel Handbell Choir
Sandy Russell, flute

arr. Moglebust

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Redeeming Lord, we find it painfully difficult to deny ourselves. Our relationships, our priorities, and our dreams so often seem to be shaped by this world, rather than you. But the call of your Son summons us to bridge the gap between casual commitment and true discipleship. This morning we entrust to you again our time, our resources, our gifts, and our very lives that you have already given us. We lay this offering at your feet as a way to move toward closer discipleship with you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

One: Lord of light and love,

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

Standing on the Promises

No. 838

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Will You Come and Follow Me

Scottish melody

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor
Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries
Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation
Dave Diebold, lay reader
Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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