



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship

Communion Sunday

March 3, 2024

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

**stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Adoration

*Song

Lutheran Hymn

Roe

*Call to Worship

Psalm 103

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

One: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: Bless the Lord, you his angels, who excel in strength, who do his word, heeding the voice of His word. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, you ministers of his, who do his pleasure. Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

*Song

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Myrin, Redmond

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, with sorrow in our hearts we confess our ingratitude. So many times we ignore, discount, or forget your many graces in our lives. Instead of giving thanks for your big and small blessings in our lives, we grumble about what we lack. Forgive our spiritual grumpiness and relational crankiness that spills over onto you, others, and ourselves. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. Infuse our hearts, homes, and church with deep appreciation for the gift of abundant life you have showered upon us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Season our words and actions with kindness and encouragement so that we might be a blessing to others. Amen.

Song

Kyrie Eleison

Tomlin, Ingram, Maher, Redman

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Numbers 6: 22-27 NRSVue

²² The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying: Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them: ²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷ "So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

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

All: Amen!

Sermon

Be a Practicing Blessologist

Rev. John C. Tittle

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Blessed

Lucinda Williams

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

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.

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Closing Song

Benediction

Jars of Clay

Liturgy of Closure

Elder: Let us pray for and invite the loving presence of our living Lord: in your world,

All: be present, Lord.

Elder: In this congregation,

All: be present, Lord.

Elder: In this community,

All: be present, Lord.

Elder: In all churches everywhere,

All: be present, Lord.

Pastor: Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord: For work begun, but not completed,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For expectations not met,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For wounds not healed,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For gifts not shared,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For promises not kept,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Elder: Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place: For friendships made, for joys celebrated, and for times of nurture and growth,

All: thanks be to God.

Elder: For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given and promises kept,

All: thanks be to God.

Elder: For our fellowship in Jesus Christ, and for the love of God, which has sustained us,

All: thanks be to God.

Elder: Do you, the members and friends of Immanuel Presbyterian Church release John Tittle from service as your pastor?

All: We do with thanks to God.

Elder: Do you, John Tittle, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

Pastor: I do, with thanks to God.

Elder: Let us pray. Loving God, Alpha and Omega, you are both beginning and end. Our endings and our beginnings are rooted in your love. Whether near or far, we are held close by your love, and kept safe from any lasting loss. Let our time together end with your blessing. Touch all the memories with your grace and peace. Help us to live with courage and gladness in the future you present us. Lord God, we give you thanks and ask for your help and grace to live blessed and joyful lives that bless others as we each go in new directions. In every time and place, may we offer you our highest and our best; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Farewell to John

***Charge and Benediction**

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Sean Shifflette, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoraci3n Ensemble – George Davis, Becky Diebold, Bob and Carol Van Gelder, Sandy Russell, Joy Hager

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