

# Immanuel Presbyterian Church



11:00am Traditional Worship

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

*Communion Sunday*

March 5, 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

ST. FLAVIAN

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRELUDE

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord*

Archer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 121*

One: I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there?

**All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!**

One: He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber. Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps.

**All: The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade.**

One: The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night.

**All: The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life.**

One: The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go,

**All: both now and forever.**

\*HYMN

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Mason

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rom. 4: 4-5*

One: We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sin in faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*John 3: 16-17*

One: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## \*SUNG FORGIVENESS

*Lord, Have Mercy*

Swee Hong Lim

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/2 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, and a half note G5. The second staff continues with a half note G5, followed by quarter notes F5, E5, D5, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, and a half note G4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## GOSPEL READING

*John 3: 1-17 NRSVue*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have

eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Born of the Spirit*  
Rev. John C. Tittle

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Brief Statement of Faith*

**All: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

\*HYMN

*Let All Things Now Living*

Welsh folk melody

OFFERTORY

*Offertory*

Beck

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Genevan Psalter

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude— for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

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.**

*Therefore we praise your holy name and join our voices with the celestial choirs and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

This system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line of G2, Bb2, and D3, with chords in the right hand.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

This system continues the vocal line with a half note D5, followed by quarter notes C5, Bb4, and A4. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and a consistent bass line.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

This system concludes the piece with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord and a double bar line.

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 LORD'S TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CONCLUDING PRAYER

\*HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

arr. Cyssegr

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Bohemian Brethren's  
Kirchengesang

Participants:

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