

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



11:00am Traditional Worship Service
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 12, 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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. Berry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 95

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him.

One: For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods.

All: The sea belongs to him, for he made it. His hands formed the dry land, too.

One: Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker,

All: for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care.

*HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Scott

CALL TO CONFESSION

John 3: 19

One: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John 4: 5-24

All: Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rom. 5: 8-10

One: This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead—now Christ has become our life and salvation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

John 4: 5-15 NRSVue

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Gushing Up to Eternal Life
Rev. John C. Tittle

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Larger Catechism

One: Why was our Mediator called Christ?

All: Our Mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure, and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to carry out the office of Prophet, Priest, and King of his Church, in both his humiliation and exaltation.

*HYMN *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* harm. Vaughan Williams

OFFERTORY *Living Water* Carlisle

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Genevan Psalter

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Ps. 95:7, John 4:34*

All: O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Good and gracious Lord

All: give us the water of life.

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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Hughes

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Vaughan Williams

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Becky Diebold, hymn leader

Merrily Davis, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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