

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



11:00am Traditional Worship Service
5th Sunday in Lent
March 26, 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

Partita in A minor, BWV 1013
III. Sarabande

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 130

One: From the depths of my despair I call to you, Lord.

All: Hear my cry, O Lord; listen to my call for help!

One: If you kept a record of our sins, who could escape being condemned?

All: But you forgive us, so we stand in awe of you.

One: Wait eagerly for the Lord's help, trust in his word.

All: We wait for the Lord more eagerly than watchmen wait for the dawn.

One: Trust in the Lord, because his love is constant and he is always willing to save.

All: He will save his people from all their sins.

*HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

harm. J.S. Bach

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rom. 8, selected verses

One: Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, "To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Confident in God's forgiveness, let us confess together our wrongdoing against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voice. If you were to hold our wrongdoing against us, we would have no hope of clearing our own record. We set our minds on fleshly things, such as accumulating more things we don't need and advancing ourselves at the expense of others. You offer us life, but we respond by clinging to death, hiding in the tombs of our stubbornness and self-righteousness. We lie dried out, refusing your rejuvenating breath. We are disconnected from each other. We are impatient and fail to put our hope in you. For the sake of the one who raised Lazarus, forgive us. Stand us up and release us from darkness. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rom. 8: 11

One: Hear the good news, "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you." Sisters and Brothers, be at peace; your sins are forgiven because Christ conquered death and lives forever.

*SUNG RESPONSE

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 on a G4 note, moves to A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, then descends to E5, D5, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The second staff continues the melody from G4, moving to A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, then descends to E5, D5, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

John 11: 17-44 NRSVue

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, again

greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Sickness Not unto Death

Rev. John C. Tittle

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

All: God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in man. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which men are reconciled to God and to one another. He enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, he gives them power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all men.

HYMN

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Sleeth

OFFERTORY

Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major, BWV 1068
II. Air ("Air on the G String")

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Genevan Psalter

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Living God, we thank you for the privilege of giving back to you in response to your generosity to us. As we present our offerings, we remain secure in our knowledge that you will sustain us by your redeeming grace and your infinite love. Take and use these gifts to further your kingdom both near and far. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Come Lord restore and renew us

All: revive your people.

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

To God Be the Glory

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden
from St. Matthew Passion*

J.S. Bach



Born 338 years ago on March 21st - Johann Sebastian Bach

"At a reverent performance of music, God is always at hand with his gracious presence."

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor
Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries
Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation
Sandy Russell, flute
George Davis, harmonica
Becky Diebold, hymn leader
Peggy Free, lay reader
Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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