



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship Service

April 30, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

Welcome and Community Life

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song

Home

Holden, Pearson

*Call to Worship

One: Though the way seems long and the road rough,

All: Yet will we trust the One who leads us.

One: Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome,

All: Yet will we place our lives in Christ's loving care.

One: It is Christ who shepherds us to green pastures and restores our souls.

All: It is Christ who gives us hope and peace.

One: Praise be to Christ our Lord!

*Song

Agnus Dei

Smith

Call to Confession

One: Come, kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker. We are the people of his pasture, the sheep of his hand. Let us entrust our flawed and vulnerable lives before our Shepherd's loving care, seeking that mercy which God is more ready to give than we are to receive.

Responsive Prayer of Confession

One: Whenever we are lured by the voices of the many false shepherds of our age, who are out to exploit, misguide, and fleece us: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

One: Whenever we act like 'control freaks,' wanting to dominate those around us with our ideas and wishes, as if we were the chief shepherd: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

One: Whenever we become spiritually self-important, vainly imagining that we no longer need the help of other members of the flock of Christ: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy. Great Shepherd, the only true bishop of our lives, please continue to surround us by day and night with your unsleeping grace. Forgive us our rebellion, rescue us from our wandering, dig us out of the mire, and set our feet on the secure but narrow path that leads to abundant life. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Responsive Assurance of God's Forgiveness

One: When you do right and suffer for it patiently, you have God's approval.

All: We are healed by Christ's wounds.

One: For to this you have been called, that you should follow in Christ's steps.

All: We are healed by Christ's wounds.

One: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

All: We are healed by Christ's wounds.

One: For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

All: We are healed by Christ's wounds.

One: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

All: We are healed by Christ's wounds!

Song

Shepherd

Crowder, Millard

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 10: 1-10 NRSVue

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Voice of the Shepherd

Rev. John C. Tittle

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Good Shepherd

Jefferson Airplane

Prayers of the People

One: Good Shepherd,

All: **guide us and lead us.**

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.**

*Closing Song

All the People Said Amen

Maher, Moak, Morgan

*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Ed Vander Woude, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoración Ensemble – George Davis, Joy Hager, Sandy Russell, Clay Whittington, Bob and Carol Van Gelder

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