



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship

Communion Sunday

May 7, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

Welcome and Community Life

Prayer of Adoration

*Song *Today is the Day* Brewster, Baloché

*Call to Worship *Proverbs 4*

One: Hear, my child, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.

All: I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

One: When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble.

All: Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.

One: Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evildoers.

All: Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.

One: For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

All: But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

*Song *Word of God, Speak* Millard, Kipley

Call to Confession *1 John 1: 8-9*

One: God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

based on Rom. 8:1; 2 Cor. 5: 17

One: Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Song

Beautiful One

Hughes

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Psalm 119: 9-32 NRSVue

⁹How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. ¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. ¹¹I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. ¹²Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. ¹³With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. ¹⁴I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. ¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. ¹⁶I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. ¹⁷Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word. ¹⁸Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. ¹⁹I live as an alien in the land; do not hide your commandments from me. ²⁰My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times. ²¹You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments; ²²take away from me their scorn and contempt, for I have kept your decrees. ²³Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes. ²⁴Your decrees are my delight; they are my counselors. ²⁵My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word. ²⁶When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes. ²⁷Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. ²⁸My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. ²⁹Put false ways far from me, and graciously teach me your law. ³⁰I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your ordinances before me. ³¹I cling to your decrees, O Lord; let me not be put to shame. ³²I run the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my understanding.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, Q1

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory Music

Show Me the Place

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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 Lord's Table

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Concluding Prayer

*Closing Song

Soul on Fire

Third Day

*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

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Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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

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