

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



Online Worship Service
Pentecost
May 23, 2021

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

GATHERING

WELCOME & PRAYER

HYMN

Spirit Song

John Wimber

CALL TO CONFESSION

John 3

One: Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, "You must be born again." What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wills, 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, who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness. Let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of your love once again. With your warmth bend our rigidity and guide our wandering feet. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Ezekiel 36

One: "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees. You will be my people, and I will be your God." Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit, we are united with Christ and given a new spirit. Be at peace—we are a forgiven people!

All: Thanks be to God!

SONG

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 NRSV

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON SERIES
SERMON

The Beauty of the Body
The Skeleton – Prophecy to the Bones
Rev. John C. Tittle

RESPONDING

WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Laurie Emery, Barbara Johnson, Micky Roy and Brian Rudigier

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.

SONG

Holy Spirit

Torwalt

SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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