

# Immanuel Presbyterian Church



10:00am Worship Service  
Pentecost Sunday  
May 28, 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

Westminster Sequence

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Speak, O Lord and You Raise Me Up*  
Immanuel Handbell Choir

Arr. Bettcher

GRATITUDE FOR OUR TEACHERS

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wind of God, blow far from us,

**All: all dark despair, all deep distress,**

One: all groundless fears, all sinful desires, all Satan's snares, all false values,

**All: all selfish wishes, all wasteful worries.**

One: Blow into us,

**All: your holy presence, your living love, your healing touch, your splendid courage,**

One: your mighty strength, your perfect peace,

**All: your caring concern, your divine grace, your boundless joy.**

One: Spirit of God, be a mighty rushing wind in our midst now.

**All: Amen.**

\*HYMN

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

African American Spiritual

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 GOD'S 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!**

## \*SUNG RESPONSE

*Rejoice In All Your Works (Psalm 104)*

Kimbrough

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Acts 2: 1-21* NRSVue

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall

prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

All: Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

*All Together in One Place*

Rev. John C. Tittle

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Our World Belongs to God*

All: The Spirit gathers people from every tongue, tribe, and nation into the unity of the body of Christ. Anointed and sent by the Spirit, the church is thrust into the world, ambassadors of God's peace, announcing forgiveness and reconciliation, proclaiming the good news of grace. Going before them and with them, the Spirit convinces the world of sin and pleads the cause of Christ. Men and women, impelled by the Spirit, go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace—every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what they do and say.

## \*HYMN

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Manley

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*

Tallis

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

harm. Hopson

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: O God, on this day of Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within your church. As that Spirit moves in our midst, may it inspire us towards generosity and fire us with an energy to serve you in such a way that all the glory, honor, and praise is yours and yours alone. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord is here,

All: His spirit is with 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.

## PRAYER STATIONS

*You are invited to come to one of the prayer stations, pick up one of the doves in the nests, and write your Pentecost prayers on them at the table. Bring your dove with you back to your seats. After the benediction, you may tie your Pentecost prayer dove to the iron railing outside the sanctuary.*

\*SONG

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

Rend Collective

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Recessional on LYONS*

Kraus

### Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Becky Diebold, hymn leader

Peggy Free, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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

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