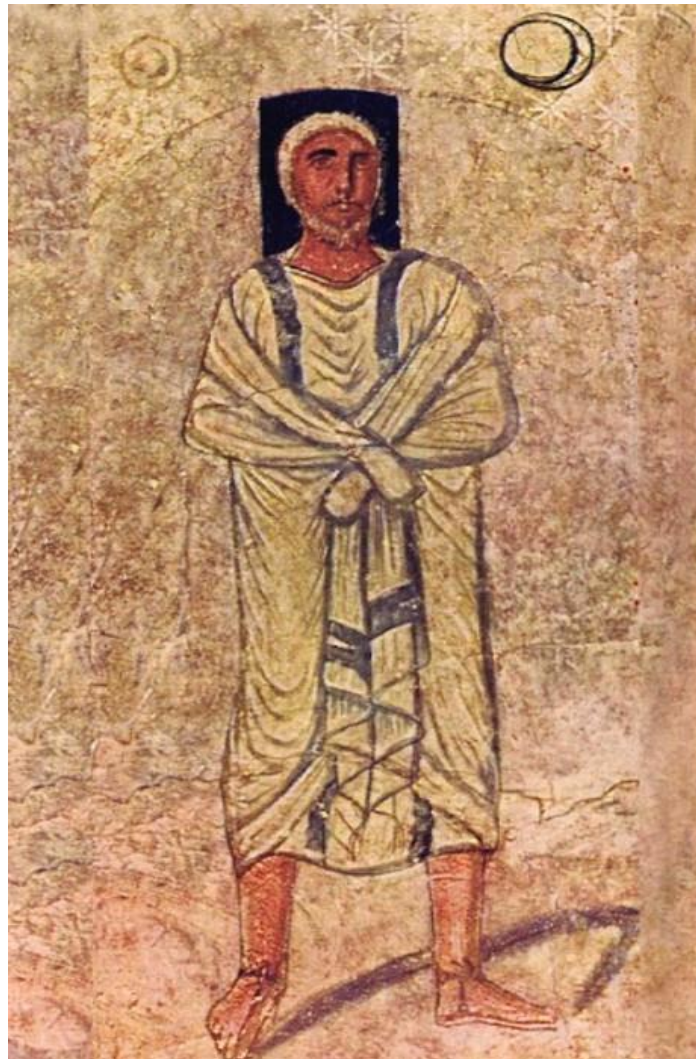


Immanuel Presbyterian Church



June 11, 2023
10:00am Worship Service

*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

Wynchestre Sequence

WELCOME

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING FOR VBS

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Jesus Calls Us"

Ballard

SILENT PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Lord, as you have called us, make us worthy of our calling. As we reach out to touch you, touch us, and we will be changed, that we might live to your glory. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 33

One: Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you righteous, for praise is fitting for the upright.

All: Give thanks to the Lord with a song that is new; play skillfully, with shouts of joy.

One: For the word of the Lord is faithful, and all his works are to be trusted.

All: The Lord loves justice and righteousness and his merciful love fills the earth.

One: Let all the earth fear the Lord, all who live in the world revere him.

All: God spoke and it came to be. He commanded; it stood in its place.

One: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

All: Our soul is waiting for the Lord, he is our help and our shield. In him do our hearts find joy.

*HYMN

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Akers

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present and loving God to forgive us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our fear of stepping out into the unknown. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

1 John 1:5, 7

One: This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

All: Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Foote

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12: 1-9 NRSVue

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Making Our Way Stage by Stage
Rev. John C. Tittle

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN

This Is My Song

Sibelius

OFFERTORY

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

English County Songs

*DOXOLOGY

Doxology

Crowder

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: You have chosen us for charity, O God. You have blessed us to be a blessing. You have sent us to serve in the Spirit of Christ. The gifts that we offer are but a fraction of the treasures you heap upon us. Take what we bring and all that we are and shape our responses so that Christ may be formed in us and that the world might be blessed to the glory of God--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

One: Lord guide us,

All: and raise us up.

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

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Digital Age

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Standing on the Promises

Carter

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle
Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries
Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation
Becky Diebold, hymn leader
Laurie Emery, lay reader
Ed Vander Woude, audio visual
Adoraci3n Ensemble – George Davis, Bob and Carol Van Gelder, Sandy Russell, Joy Hager

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