

# Immanuel Presbyterian Church



June 18, 2023  
10:00am Worship Service  
*Season after Pentecost*

*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

GRATITUDE FOR OUR MEN OF FAITH

PRELUDE

*Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen*

arr. Florence B. Price

SILENT PRAYER FOR REFLECTION

*Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence. May your peace wash over us as we gather together to worship your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 116*

One: I love the Lord because he heard my plea for mercy and listened to me.

All: **As long as I live, I will call to him when I need help.**

One: How can I repay the Lord for all his acts of kindness to me?

All: **I will celebrate my deliverance and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord before all his people.**

One: The Lord values the lives of his faithful followers.

All: **I will present a thank offering to you, and call on the name of the Lord.**

One: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord before all his people in the courts of the Lord's temple.

All: **Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN

*This Is My Father's World*

Sheppard

CALL TO CONFESSION

*1 John 3: 2*

One: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our wrongdoing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **God of our salvation, forgive us for failing to see your face in the stranger. We confess those times we closed ourselves off to the need of others. Have mercy on us when we didn't feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger,**

or visit the sick. For in not doing this, we left our Savior hungry, thirsty, naked, and alone. Give us the hospitality of Abraham and Sarah, who knew that we honor you by honoring those created in your image. Give us eyes to see the angel in each person we encounter. Amen.

#### MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*Gal. 2: 19-20*

One: Hear the good news from the Apostle Paul: "Through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Brothers and sisters: be at peace. In Christ Jesus you are forgiven and set free to serve!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### \*SUNG RESPONSE

*God Will Lift Up Your Head*

Jars of Clay

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 18: 1-15 NRSVue*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup> Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" <sup>13</sup> The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

*Seeing God in the Stranger*

Rev. John C. Tittle

\*HYMN

*You Are Good*

Israel Houghton

OFFERTORY

*The Living Years*

Mike and The Mechanics

Say it loud, say it clear. You can listen as well as you hear. It's too late when we die to admit we don't see eye to eye.

\*DOXOLOGY

*Doxology*

Crowder

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. We bless you by sharing our resources with those in need, giving food to the hungry, and spending our time to help others. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

One: Lord as you call us,

All: make us worthy of our calling.

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

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Johnson

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

Lewis

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Becky Diebold, hymn leader

Michael Dungan, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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

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