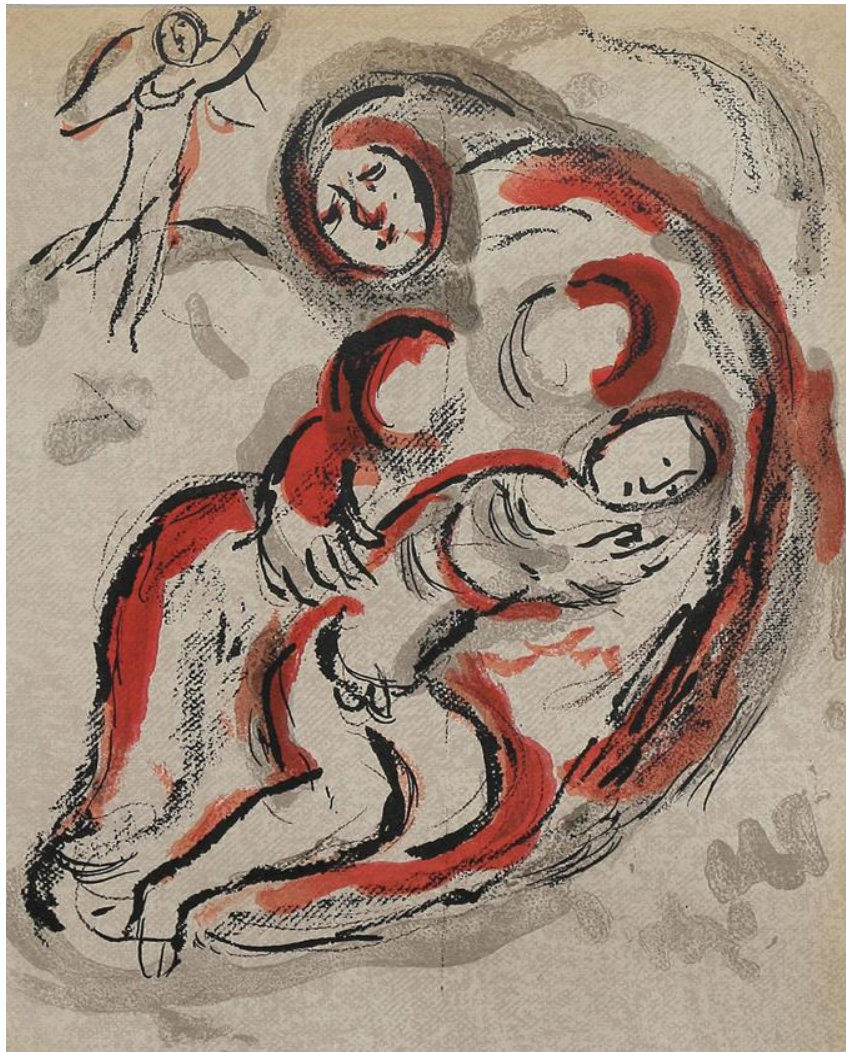


Immanuel Presbyterian Church



June 25, 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)

PRELUDE *Prélude, Fugue et Variation pour orgue, Op. 18, No. 3: Prélude* Franck

SILENT PRAYER FOR REFLECTION

Loving God, you reveal your presence in our lives. Renew our hearts and minds through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may worship you in truth and spirit. We ask this in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 86

One: Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

All: Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

One: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

All: Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

One: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

All: In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

One: Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant.

All: Show us a sign of your favor, O Lord!

*SONG

This Is Amazing Grace

Riddle, Farro, Wickham

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

One: Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF LAMENT

Psalm 42: 1-6

One: As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

All: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

from Isaiah 49: 15; 66:13

One: Hear the good news from Isaiah: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord." Brothers and sisters: be at peace. In Christ Jesus you are forgiven and set free to serve!

All: Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE

O Lord, Have Mercy

Guarani melody



1 O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O
2 O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O

Greek 1 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri -
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Chri -



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
ste e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 21: 8-21 NRSVue

⁸The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Son Saved: Part One
Rev. John C. Tittle

*HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

Jewish Melody

OFFERTORY

To Abraham and Sarah

Welsh Melody

*DOXOLOGY

Doxology

Crowder

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Searching God, wrap our offering in mission, redemption, and hope, for those we may never see, whose cries we may never hear, whose pain we cannot know, whose souls need the nourishment only the Word can provide and only salvation can bring, through the Christ of the ages. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

One: Lord we come to you,

All: Hear our prayer.

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.

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Runyan

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Do Not Be Afraid

Morris

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Becky Diebold, hymn leader

Bradley Bishop, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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

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