



Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
June 27, 2021

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

WELCOME

PRELUDE ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR (*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*) arr. Schurr

PRAYER

SONG *Forever Reign* Ingram & Morgan

CALL TO CONFESSION *1 John 1:8-9*

One: God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Forgive our faithlessness, O faithful God! And see beyond our apathy, our thoughtlessness, our self-centeredness, our quickness to judge. Help us to wait and trust. See into our hearts, for you are our treasure. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN *Awesome God* Rich Mullins

CHILDREN' MOMENT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43* NRSV

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an

enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?"²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?"²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

All: Thanks be to God!

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Rev. John C. Tittle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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