Immanuel Presbyterian Church



July 2, 2023 10:00am Worship Service

Communion Sunday

Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man

Copland

Harmonia Anglicana

SILENT PRAYER FOR REFLECTION

O God, you are truly worthy to be praised, for you are gracious, compassionate, and merciful. Send your Holy Spirit among us, that we may hear your voice and praise your name this day and forevermore. Amen.

WELCOME

*HYMN

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 13

One: How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long? All: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

One: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. All:

One: I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt bountifully with me.

CALL TO CONFESSION Isaiah 1: 18

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

One: "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." With sure promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin together.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O Lord, you asked for our hands that you would use them for your purpose.

We gave them for a moment and then withdrew for the work was hard.

One: You asked for our mouths to speak out against wrongdoing.

All: We gave you a whisper that we might not be accused.

One: You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty.

All: We closed them for we did not want to know.

One: You asked for our lives that you might work through us.

All: We gave you a fractional part that we might not get involved.

One: Forgive us this day we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Micah 7: 18-20

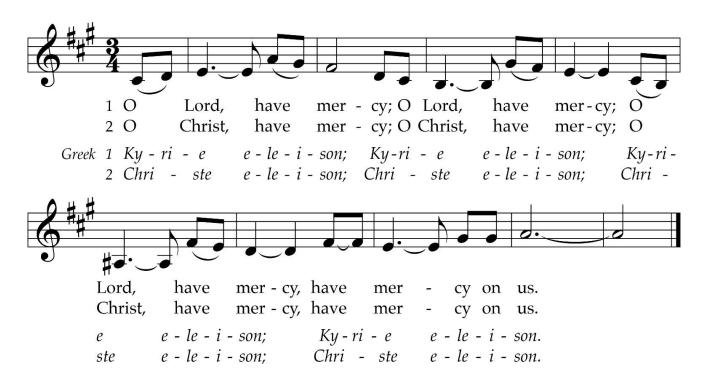
One: Hear the good news: "Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our ancestors in days long ago." Brothers and sisters—be at peace. In Christ Jesus you are a new creation.

All: Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE

O Lord, Have Mercy

Guarani melody



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22: 1-14 NRSVue

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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 Two
Rev. John C. Tittle

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

OFFERTORY Father and Son Cat Stevens

*DOXOLOGY Doxology Crowder

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Generous and loving God, we pray that these gifts may be part of our witness, our testimony to our love for you and the abundance with which we have been blessed. With your blessings we know that this testimony can reach the poor, the hungry, and the hurting, proclaiming your good name, ministering to those in need. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

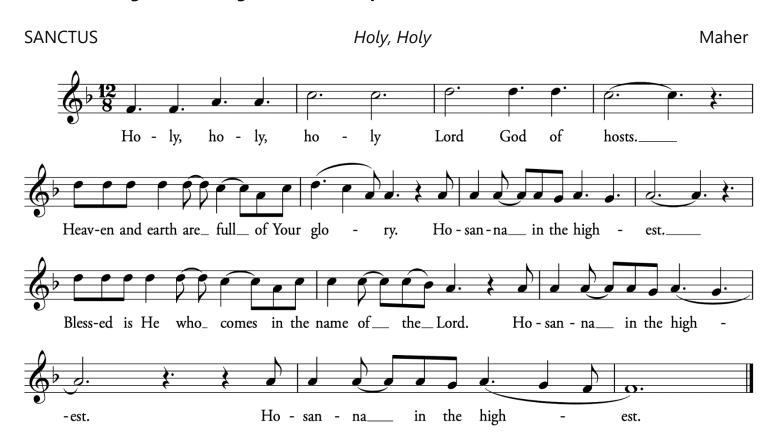
All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.



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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*SONG O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Ward

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Warren

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle
Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries
Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation
Becky Diebold, hymn leader
Tim Bacchus, lay reader
Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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

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Hymns are selected from the Presbyterian Blue Hymnal (available at your seats) and the Glory to God hymnal

Bulletin Art: "The Sacrifice of Isaac" by Marc Chagall

