

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



July 16, 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

All Praise to You, O Lord

Balderston

SILENT PRAYER FOR REFLECTION

Lord, I desire to seek you in the silence. I choose to listen to your quiet promptings of love spoken in this way. Give me the wisdom and strength I need to dedicate myself to moments of quiet every day. May these moments bring clarity to my soul and understanding to my life. Amen.

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

One: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

All: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

One: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

All: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

One: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

All: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

One: Let us worship the living God!

*HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

Crowder

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: For all the times we took advantage of others to get the upper hand...

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: For all the times we thoughtlessly gave up so much because we didn't appreciate the value of what we already had...

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: For all the times we let our cravings dictate our decisions...

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: For all the times our arrogance kept us from taking the time to reflect on other people's feelings or their way of seeing things...

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: For all the times we've treated our loved ones with disdain or disrespect...

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: For all the times we should have said "I'm sorry" but we didn't...

All: Christ, have mercy. God, inspire us to live our lives with energy and passion in our service of you and others. Give us the courage to stand for justice in gracious and merciful ways. Temper our action with prayerfulness and humility. Lead us O God, and we will follow. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

based on Rom. 8:1; 2 Cor. 5:17

One: Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

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 25: 19-34 NRSVue

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³ And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger." ²⁴ When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³² Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Sibling Rivalry
Rev. John C. Tittle

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hughes

OFFERTORY

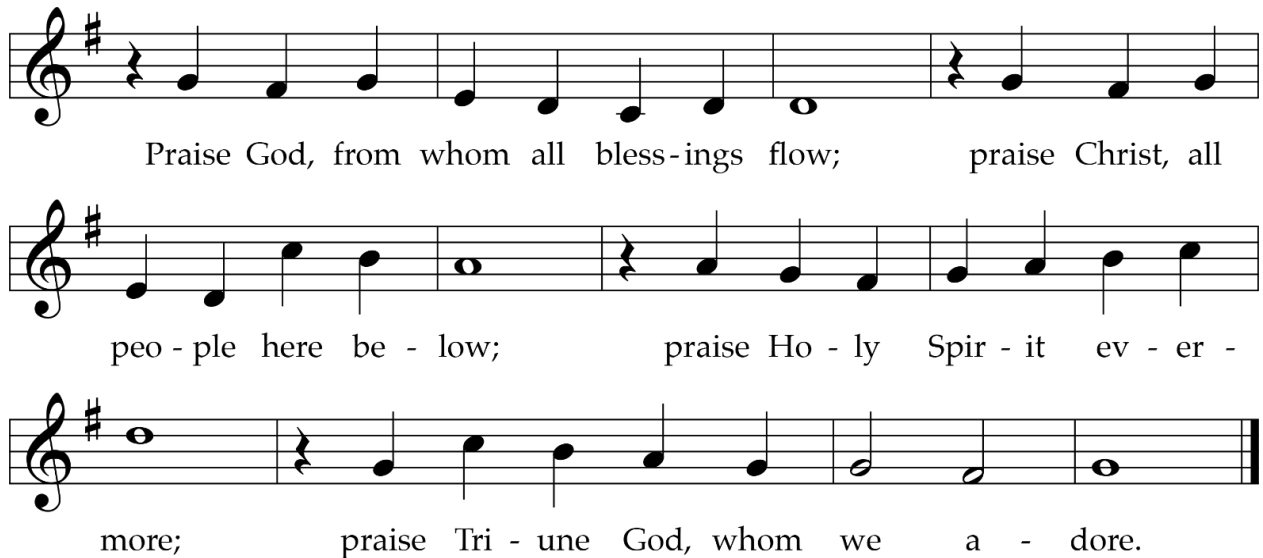
It's All In Your Mind

Beck

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hopson



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

*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 in your mercy,
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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Tomlin, Newton, Giglio

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

American folk melody

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

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Joy Hager, lay reader

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

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