



Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary Worship Service
July 18, 2021

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

WELCOME

PRAYER

*HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 466

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.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

All: Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

One: Lord, you said, "if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

All: Forgive our lack of faith and small thinking about what you can do.

One: Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

All: We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

One: Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

All: Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

One: Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

All: In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Empower us to reflect Christ more and more in our words and actions. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

DUET

Go Light Your World
Bob and Carol Van Gelder

Chris Rice

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13: 18-21 NRSV

¹⁸ He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." ²⁰ And again he said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON SERIES

Stories and Similitudes

SERMON

Mustard and Yeast

Rev. John C. Tittle

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Oh My God – I Am a Seed

Waldrop, Crowder &
Dodson

GUIDED 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.

*SONG

Captured

Waldrop, Bush,
Parker & Dodson

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