

# Immanuel Presbyterian Church



August 20, 2023  
10:00am Worship Service

*Discovering and displaying Christ  
in here and out there*

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(\*Please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

*Any Dream Will Do*

Webber

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 133*

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**All: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**All: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

One: Brothers and sisters, let us in one voice worship the living God together!

\*HYMN

*Rise and Shine*

Davis, Wong, Soccorsi

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Isaiah 1: 18*

One: The Lord says through the Prophet Isaiah, "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Let us now confess our wrongdoing together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy and merciful God, for the times we have followed the path of the wicked, stood in solidarity with those who were wrong, or sat quietly and allowed sin to happen, forgive us. Help us to meditate, even delight, in your Word so that we will flourish with the fruit of your Spirit. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Psalm 32: 1-2

One: Hear the good news: "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit." Brothers and sisters, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 37: 12-36 NRSVue

<sup>12</sup> Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup> And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." <sup>14</sup> So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, <sup>15</sup> and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" <sup>16</sup> "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." <sup>17</sup> The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup> They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup> They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup> Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup> But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." <sup>22</sup> Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his

father. <sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe<sup>[b]</sup> that he wore, <sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. <sup>25</sup> Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup> Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup> When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. <sup>29</sup> When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. <sup>30</sup> He returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where can I turn?" <sup>31</sup> Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. <sup>32</sup> They had the ornamented robe<sup>[c]</sup> taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." <sup>33</sup> He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. <sup>35</sup> All his sons and all his daughters sought to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father bewailed him. <sup>36</sup> Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON SERIES

*Joseph: When Dreams Come True*

SERMON

*Hijacked Dreams*  
Rev. John C. Tittle

\*HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

Irish ballad

OFFERTORY

*Fill My Cup*

Andrew Ripp

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hopson

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Faithful God, thank you that you give the gift of abundant, eternal life. You have said that you are a Good Father who gives us good gifts. Your generosity overflows to us. Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

One: Show us your mercy Lord,

**All: and grant us your salvation.**

## 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

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

African American spiritual

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Great God of Every Blessing*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

## Participants:

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