

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



August 27, 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

Prelude in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2

Mendelssohn

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, you pour out your spirit of grace and of supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from cold hearts and wandering minds, that with steady thoughts and kindled passion we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1

One: Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

All: But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

One: They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.

All: Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

One: Let us worship the living God.

*HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty Stralsund Erneuertem Gesangbuch

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 139

One: The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Psalm 103

One: Hear the good news: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." 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 39: 1-23 NRSVue

¹ Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ² The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate. Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking.

⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" ¹⁰ And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹ One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹² she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. ¹³ When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴ she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, ¹⁵ and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." ¹⁶ Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷ and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, ¹⁸ but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." ¹⁹ When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. ²⁰ And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹ But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²² The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³ The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care because the Lord was with him, and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

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

Nightmare Job
Rev. John C. Tittle

*HYMN

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman

OFFERTORY

Lord, Here I Am

John Ness Beck

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hopson

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God, we have been made in your image. So in your generosity, make us generous. In your faithfulness, make us faithful. So that whatever gift we bring to you might be an offer of worship before you and a blessing to others. 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

Fill My Cup

Andrew Ripp

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

American melody

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Becky Diebold, hymn leader

Bradley Bishop, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoraci3n Ensemble – George Davis, Bob and Carol Van Gelder, Sandy Russell, Joy Hager

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Bulletin Art: *“Joseph and Wife of Potiphar/Joseph is Cast into Prison Owing to the Evil Report of Potiphar’s Wife”*, French manuscript Illumination, c. 1250.



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