

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



September 3, 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

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Brahms

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, help me worship you with an undistracted heart. Help me put those thoughts away and focus on you and your glory. May your Spirit cause my heart, soul, mind, and strength to lift up your holy Name in my singing, listening to your word, partaking of holy communion, and interacting with your people. Amen.

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 43

One: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people;

All: from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me!

One: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

All: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

*SONG

"40"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 1: 18

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

All: Father, you tell us in your Word that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. We confess that we have frequently relaxed our faith. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical, and our cynicism has boiled over with slander, criticism, prayerlessness, and pessimism. How easily we've allowed ourselves to crumple

under the stresses of our lives. Forgive us for our smallness of faith. In your mercy, hear us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Micah 7

One: Hear the good news: "You O God 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



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 40: 1-23 NRSVue

¹ Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker offended their lord the king of Egypt. ² Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴ The captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he waited on them, and they continued for some time in custody. ⁵ One night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt who were confined in the prison—each his own dream and each

dream with its own meaning. ⁶ When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. ⁷ So he asked Pharaoh's officers, who were with him in custody in his master's house, "Why are your faces downcast today?" ⁸ They said to him, "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me." ⁹ So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, "In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰ and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms came out, and the clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹ Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand." ¹² Then Joseph said to him, "This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days; ¹³ within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand, just as you used to do when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴ But remember me when it is well with you; please do me the kindness to make mention of me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this place. ¹⁵ For in fact I was stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should have put me into the dungeon." ¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷ and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head." ¹⁸ And Joseph answered, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days; ¹⁹ within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a pole, and the birds will eat the flesh from you." ²⁰ On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his cupbearing, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand, ²² but the chief baker he hanged, just as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³ Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph but forgot him.

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

Pipe Dreams
Rev. John C. Tittle

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 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.

*SONG

Chain Breaker

Smith, Fieldes, Williams

OFFERTORY

Breathe In, Breath Out, Move On

Jimmy Buffett

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hopson

*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.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy

Maher

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.____

Heav-en and earth are_ full_ of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na_ in the high - est.____

Bless-ed is He who_ comes in the name of_ the_ Lord. Ho - san - na_ in the high -

-est. Ho - san - na_ in the high - est.

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

*HYMN *O God, in a Mysterious Way* Psalter

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* Attr. Lewis

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

Bulletin Art: *"Joseph explaining his dreams to the Pharaoh"* detail from a decorative mosaic, St. Mark's Basilica, Venice, Italy, 11th – 13th



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