



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Sanctuary Worship Service
September 12, 2021

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

WELCOME

PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 25

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

One: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

All: The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

One: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

All: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

One: Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

All: Redeem your people, out of all their troubles!

*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 356

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Romans 8:39

One: We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty and loving God, we thank you for placing us in covenant relationships, in homes and families and friendships. Forgive us for taking our vows and promises lightly. Forgive us for the breakdown of family life, for misdirected love, grudges nursed, and for failing to give time to our families, for failing to teach and live by your values, for neglecting and abusing our children. Jesus, our heavenly brother, teach us every day to love and serve, to cherish and protect those with whom we live. In your name we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 145

One: Hear the good news: "In all his promises the Lord keeps faith, he is unchanging in all his works; the Lord supports all who stumble and raises up all who are bowed down." Through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus our Lord, you are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN

As the Deer

Nystrom

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield, To you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

You're my friend and you are my brother even though you are a king.

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

You alone are my strength, my shield, To you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 4: 7-12 NLT

⁷ I observed yet another example of something meaningless under the sun. ⁸ This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, "Who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now?" It is all so meaningless and depressing. ⁹ Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. ¹⁰ If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. ¹¹ Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? ¹² A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

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Hunger for Relationship
Rev. John C. Tittle

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Ablaze

Morrisette

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(refrain)

One: Hear us, O God;

All: your mercy is great.

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

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City Psalms
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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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