



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

Welcome and Community Life

Prayer of Adoration

*Song *Fill My Cup* Ripp, Hulse, Cockrell

*Call to Worship *Psalm 67*

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
All: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
All: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

One: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

*Song *We Are Hungry* Kilman

Call to Confession

One: Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and harmed our environment in our carelessness. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to take advantages of others. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and favor the rich and powerful. In all this we have

not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Phil. 3: 9, Eph. 2: 17

One: Hear the good news: "Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith," through whom our sins are forgiven. May he help us to continue to "preach peace to those who are near and far." Sisters and brothers, through Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven—be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Song

Invitacion Fountain

Pritzi

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Genesis 48, 49 selected verses NRSVue

¹ After this Joseph was told, "Your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. ² When Jacob was told, "Your son Joseph has come to you," he summoned his strength and sat up in bed. ³ And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and he blessed me ⁴ and said to me, 'I am going to make you fruitful and increase your numbers; I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for a perpetual holding.'

⁸ When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?" ⁹ Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." And he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them." ¹⁰ Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, and he could not see well. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. ¹¹ Israel said to Joseph, "I did not expect to see your face, and here God has let me see your children also." ¹² Then Joseph removed them from his father's knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. ¹³ Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them near him. ¹⁴ But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands, for Manasseh was the firstborn. ¹⁵ He blessed Joseph and said, "The God before whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day,¹⁶ the angel who has redeemed me from all harm, bless the boys, and in them let my name be perpetuated and

the name of my ancestors Abraham and Isaac, and let them grow into a multitude on the earth." ¹⁷ When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, so he took his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. ¹⁸ Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father! Since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head." ¹⁹ But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." ²⁰ So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will invoke blessings, saying, 'God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh.'" So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh. ²¹ Then Israel said to Joseph, "I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your ancestors.

¹Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather around, that I may tell you what will happen to you in days to come...

²⁸ All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them, blessing each one of them with a suitable blessing. ²⁹ Then he charged them, saying to them, "I am about to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my ancestors in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite, ³⁰ in the cave in the field at Machpelah, near Mamre, in the land of Canaan, in the field that Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite as a burial site. ³¹ There Abraham and his wife Sarah were buried; there Isaac and his wife Rebekah were buried; and there I buried Leah. ³² The field and the cave that is in it were purchased from the Hittites." ³³ When Jacob ended his charge to his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed, breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Series
Meditation

When Dreams Come True
Future Dreams
Rev. John C. Tittle

***Affirmation of Faith**

Belhar Confession

All: **We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Tagalog – Joey Samoy

Polish – Mike Kobylinski

Spanish – Laura Fennema

Arabic – John Tittle

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 Cup

***Closing Song**

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Myrin, Redman

***Charge and Benediction**

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Alternative Worship Service Music Leader

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Joy Hager, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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

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