



# Immanuel Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday  
8:30am Alternative Worship  
October 2, 2022

*Discovering and displaying Christ  
in here and out there*

# Gathering

## Welcome and Community Life

### Prayer of Adoration

\*Song *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble* Martin Smith

\*Call to Worship *Adapted from Isaiah 55*

One: From north and south and east and west,

All: all creation sings forth your praises!

One: The mountains and the hills burst into song;

All: the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Your steadfast love never ceases.

One: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

\*Song *My Lighthouse* Gilkeson, Llewellyn

Call to Confession *2 Timothy 1: 1-14*

One: God's grace was given to us in Christ before the ages began. In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. Trusting in Christ's mercy that never ends, let us with honesty confess our sins before God and one another.

### Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love and self-discipline — that with faith in Christ,

we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

## Moment of Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Forgiveness

*Ephesians 2*

One: Hear the good news: "You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God." Sisters and brothers, through Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven—be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Song

*Ubi caritas (Live in Charity)*

Berthier

# Hearing

## Children's Message

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 55: 1-13* NRSVue

<sup>1</sup>Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will

abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

*Go Out in Joy, Led Forth in Peace*

Rev. John C. Tittle

## Responding

\*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

Offertory Music

*In Christ There is No East or West*

Tweedy

# Sealing

## 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

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

# Sending

\*Closing Song

*You Shall Go Out with Joy*

Rubin, Dauermann

\*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Alternative Worship Service Music Leader

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Alternative Ensemble – Bob and Carol Van Gelder, Sandy Russell, Christina Russell, Joy Hager

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