



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship Service

October 15, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

Welcome and Community Life

Prayer of Adoration

*Songs

Great Is the Lord

Smith

Awesome God

Rich Mullins

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

*Call to Worship

Psalm 145

One: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

All: One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

One: They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

All: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

One: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

*Song

As the Deer

Martin Nystrom

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

One: God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow on your saints. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business; we have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward

our enemies and friends; we have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors. Forgive us we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

One: Hear the good news: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Sisters and brothers, in Christ Jesus you are forgiven and embraced by God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Song

There Is a Redeemer

Green

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 1-17 NRSVue

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. ¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Series

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Sermon

Life in the Spirit
Rev. John C. Tittle

*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 60

One: How are you righteous before God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Time After Time

Cyndi Lauper

Prayers of the People

One: Lord by your power and your presence,

All: Grant us peace.

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.

*Closing Song

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Petra

*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

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