

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



Traditional Worship Service
October 16, 2022
11:00am

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WESTMINSTER SEQUENCE

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRELUDE

Variations on "Old Hundredth"

Louis Bourgeois

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 31

One: I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

All: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

One: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

All: O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you!

One: In the shelter of your presence you hide them from human plots; you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues.

All: Love the Lord, all you his saints.

One: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

No. 361

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rom. 5:8, Heb. 4:16

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving and holy God, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become

confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 145

One: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Seek Ye First

No. 333

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18: 1-8 NRSVue

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Persistence is a Virtue

Rev. John C. Tittle

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rom. 8: 1, 28, 38

All: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

No. 403

OFFERTORY

Wir Pflügen

Elizabeth Krouse

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Loving God from whom all blessings flow, we thank you for this and for every opportunity to return to you a portion of the blessings you give us. Take what we offer you in this moment, bless it, and join it with the offerings of many others to accomplish more than any of us ever could alone, starting right here and reaching out into the world. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

One: Loving God

All: Hear our prayer.

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.

*HYMN

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Rankin, Tomer

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Crüger

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor
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