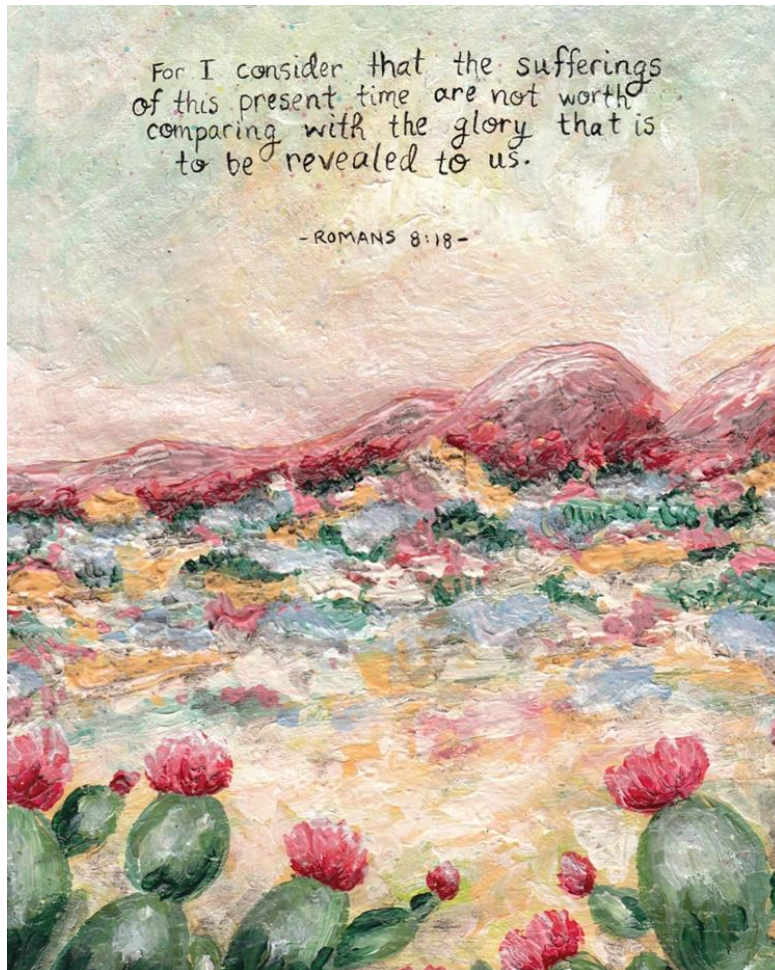


Immanuel Presbyterian Church



11:00am Traditional Worship Service
October 22, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

A Quaker Reader, 1. First-Day Thoughts Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

All: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

One: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

All: The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

One: Let us worship the Living God!

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Knapp

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20

One: The psalmist testifies: "Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me." In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 32

One: Hear the good news: "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit." Sisters and brothers, in Christ Jesus you are forgiven and embraced by God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Pardini

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8: 18-30 NRSVue

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 32

One: But why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

*OFFERTORY SOLO

Psalm 150

Ned Rorem

OFFERTORY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Ned Rorem

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hopson

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Gracious God, everything we have comes from you. You fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents, and tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

One: Lord in your mercy,

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

How Firm a Foundation

American folk melody

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Rex Tremendae

Ned Rorem

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