



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship
October 23, 2022

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Gathering

Welcome and Community Life

Prayer of Adoration

*Song *Greater* Lawrence, Carter, McGee

*Call to Worship *Psalm 65*

One: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,

All: and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer!

One: To you all flesh shall come.

All: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

One: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

All: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple.

One: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

All: you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

*Song *All Creatures of Our God and King* Crowder, Milligan

Confessional Prayer Experience: *Dirty Laundry*

Take a few moments to look at yourself in the figurative mirror. *In what ways have you been a bit self-absorbed in your life lately?* Write one of the possibilities below (or one of your own) on the provided rag with a marker and throw it in the dirty laundry basket as an act of faith for God to wash it white as snow.

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS EGO CONTEMPT HYPOCRISY ABOVE IT ALL

*Song *Worn* Ingram, Owen, Donehey

Hearing

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 18: 9- 14 NRSVue

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

A Tale of Two Prayers

Rev. John C. Tittle

Responding

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Music

Ain't No Man Righteous, No Not One

Bob Dylan

Prayers of the People

One: Lord Jesus Christ,

All: have mercy on us.

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.

Sending

*Closing Song

God Be Merciful to Me

Christopher Miner

*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

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