

# Immanuel Presbyterian Church



11:00am Traditional Worship Service  
May 14, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ  
in here and out there*

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(\*Please stand as you are able)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE FOR OUR WOMEN OF FAITH

PRELUDE

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
Immanuel Handbell Choir

Arr. Thompson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**All: Sing to the glory of his name!**

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

**All: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

One: You have kept us among the living, and have not let our feet slip.

**All: We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out into a place of plenty.**

One: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

**All: Truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**

One: God has not withdrawn from me his love and care.

**All: Blessed be our God forever and ever!**

\*HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Prichard

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Brothers and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One whose love for us is unending.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

*Alleluia!*

O'Carrol

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

*John 14: 15-21* NRSVue

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Never Abandoned*  
Rev. John C. Tittle

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Brief Statement of Faith*

All: **We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

\*HYMN *Come Down, O Love Divine* Vaughan Williams

OFFERTORY *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded* Gastoldi

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* harm. Hopson

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

One: Lord in your mercy,

**All: receive 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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Welsh folk melody

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *In Christ There Is No East or West* adapt. Burleigh

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Sandy Russell, flute

Becky Diebold, hymn leader

Bradley Bishop, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

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