



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Order of Worship & Liturgy
Sunday – January 16, 2022 – 10:45 AM

PRELUDE: *“Morning Has Broken”*

(Video - Instrumental)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

(Ken & Sandy Landis)

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

(Pastor Kay)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Bill Doyle)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Bill leads congregation)

Leader: When we pass through the waters

People: God is there with us.

Leader: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

People: God is there with us.

Leader: When we are joyful and celebratory, God is there with us.

People: When we feel triumphant or defeated, God is there with us always. Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

*** HYMN:** *“Spirit Song”* *(Video – Lyrics & Music)*

(Bill introduces hymn)

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(Bill leads congregation)

Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Pastor Kay)

God's love is continually poured out for us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones. In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven! Amen.

*** ACT OF PRAISE:** *“Gloria Patri”* *(Video – Lyrics & Music)*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen! Amen!*

PRAYER CONCERNS (brief Prayer List updates)

(Pastor Kay)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor Kay)

*** RESPONSE TO PRAYER: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" (Video – Lyrics & Music)**

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION & READINGS

(Bill)

*Introduction to Scriptures: The apostle Paul wrote both 1 and 2 Corinthians. In **1 Corinthians 12** today, Paul speaks to the earliest congregations following his establishing the church in Corinth. The Christian congregation at Corinth is lifted up as a prime example of the remarkable diversity that could be found in the early church. Worshiping together were Greeks and Jews, slaves and free people, men and women, rich and poor, united only by their shared confession of Jesus as Lord. That first church is striking in its similarity to churches today, especially as spiritual gifts are named and explored. In **John 2**, we join Mary, the mother of Jesus, at a wedding to which Jesus and the disciples have also been invited. The Israelites always expect an excited joy underlying their weddings, and wine flows liberally. Mary learns that there is not enough wine for the occasion, but she has full confidence that Jesus will have an answer to the dilemma of running low on wine which would inhibit the success of the joyful festivities. Jesus does not disappoint either the guests, his mother, or God. The passage reveals much about the way Jesus will go about his next three years of healing and teaching.*

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 (NRSV)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk.

But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

May God bless the reading, hearing and understanding of these – His holy words. **Amen!**

SERMON: “No One Stands Alone”

(Pastor Kay)

*** HYMN: “Open The Eyes of My Heart”** (Video – Lyrics & Music)

(Bill introduces hymn)

RITE OF HEALING & ANOINTING

(Pastor Kay)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

(Bill)

The words in worship here in church are beautiful, but God cares just as much about what we do in every other hour of the week, and about what happens here at Immanuel United Church of Christ throughout the week. We are partners with God and with one another in this ministry, and our giving is one way that we practice generosity, grace and love. Let us now gather our tithes and offerings.

Offertory Music: “In The Sweet By and By”

(Video – Instrumental)

*** Doxology (No. 815)**

(Video – Lyrics & Music)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, with love, all heavens above.
Praise God, who brings all life and love. **Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

(Bill leads congregation)

*Gracious God, we give you our gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them according to your will. Send us into the world with the courage to be gentle when others are mean, to care for the poor and oppressed and to be merciful. Grant that by your Spirit we may practice justice, love, kindness and walk humbly with you all our days. **Amen.***

*** HYMN: “Peace, Peace, God’s Peace”**

(Bill introduces hymn)

*Peace be to you in all you do.
Peace be the way in all you say.
Peace be the light that shines so bright from your heart on the world this day.
Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace be to you in all you do.
Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace be to you in all you do.*

*Peace be the song that we will sing.
Peace be the joy, our spirits ring.
Peace be the love that sets us free , peace for all, peace for you and me.
Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace live in you in all you do.
Peace, peace, peace, peace. Peace live in you in all you do.*

BENEDICTION

(Pastor Kay)

POSTLUDE: “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

(Video – Instrumental)