



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
110 Boone Street – Bromley, Kentucky 41016

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Order of Worship & Liturgy
Sunday – January 23, 2022 – 10:45 AM

PRELUDE: *“Winter Morning”* (by Jim Brickman) *(Russell Winters)*

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES *(Mary Hagar & Mike Hagar)*

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER *(Pastor Kay)*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Jack Denham)*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Jack leads congregation)*

Leader: What would God have us do?

People: *What gifts do we have that can serve God?*

Leader: Lord, guide our lives and our service. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive your guidance.

People: *Help us be the people who bring good news to those in darkness and doubt.*

All: *Let us worship God with gratitude for the gifts of ministry in each of us. Let us praise God with joy-filled hearts for opportunities to serve. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

*** HYMN:** *“All Creatures of Our God & King”* (No. 63) *(Jack introduces hymn)*

*All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.*

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(Jack leads congregation)

*Waiting God, you know us all too well. We listen to scriptures about the life of Jesus and we read about the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what they have feared. Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. **Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Pastor Kay)

*Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us. We have been freed from our fears and doubts. Rejoice, dear fiends! In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven and healed. **Amen.***

*** ACT OF PRAISE: "Gloria Patri" (No. 812)**

*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"**

*Hear our prayer, O Lord
Hear our prayer, O Lord
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace*

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION & READINGS *(Scriptures)*

(Jack)

*Introduction to Scriptures: **1 Corinthians** and other letters from Paul to the churches he established are filled with an important metaphor for Christianity. Paul communicates the overarching call for unity in the church. Today's scripture, speaking about the church as a human body, is as vital today as it was in the time of the original church's existence. In **Luke 4:14**, we hear this overarching principle of Coherence of the Whole, that with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit we are one, and united from creation. The God message of the Bible is unity and care of each other and the*

earth. This is made abundantly clear with Jesus' advent to earth. It is the reason he came to earth – to bring the message of complete loving union with all creation.

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a (NRSV)

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Luke 4: 14-21 (NRSV)

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

SERMON: "Living The Word"

(Pastor Kay)

*** HYMN: "Open My Eyes That I May See" (No. 563)**

(Jack introduces hymn)

*Open my eyes that I may see,
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,*

Ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou send-est clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

(Jack)

Friends, the gifts we give today are but tokens of the blessings in the new life we live in Christ. Given with joy, our gifts remind us of just how blessed we are to know the love that flows so generously from the spirit of God. Let us now gather our tithes and offerings.

Offertory Music: “Melodie # 6” (by Felix Mendelssohn)

(Russell)

*** Doxology (No. 815)**

*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)

(Jack leads congregation)

*Generous God, we present our gifts as symbols of our gratitude for all our blessings. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them in the healing of your world, as a witness to the love you bear for all people. **Amen.***

*** HYMN: “Take The Name of Jesus With You” (No. 235)**

(Jack introduces hymn)

*Take the name of Jesus with you
Child of sorrow and of woe
It will joy and comfort give you
Take it then where'er you go
Precious name O how sweet
Hope of earth and joy of heaven
Precious name O how sweet
Hope of earth and joy of heaven*

*Take the name of Jesus ever
As a shield from every snare
If temptations round you gather
Breathe that holy name in prayer
Precious name O how sweet
Hope of earth and joy of heaven*

*Precious name O how sweet
Hope of earth and joy of heaven*

*O the precious name of Jesus
How it thrills our souls with joy
When His loving arms receive us
And His songs our tongues employ
Precious name O how sweet
Hope of earth and joy of heaven
Precious name O how sweet
Hope of earth and joy of heaven*

*At the name of Jesus bowing
Falling prostrate at His feet
King of kings in heaven we'll crown Him
When our journey is complete
Precious name O how sweet
Hope of earth and joy of heaven
Precious name O how sweet
Hope of earth and joy of heaven*

BENEDICTION

(Pastor Kay)

POSTLUDE: "Amazing Grace" *(Arranged by John Carter)*

(Russell)