



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Rev. Kay Young, Pastor

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ORDER of WORSHIP & LITURGY Sunday – June 6, 2021

PRELUDE: *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* by Conrad Kocher;
Arranged by Brian Chung

(Rachel Kramer)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

(Jenny Reinhart & Shirley Pierce)

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

(Pastor Kay)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Laura Reis)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Laura leads Congregation)

Leader: Come to the Lord, all you people!

People: We come, seeking God’s healing love.

Leader: Make your hearts ready to discover God’s power in your lives.

All: We open our hearts and spirits to receive God’s loving gifts. Hallelujah! Amen!

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

*** HYMN OF ADORATION:** *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* No. 182 (v. 1 - 3) *(Laura announces hymn)*

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which, from our birth,
Over and around us lies.
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light;
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above.
For all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

PRAYER CONCERNS *(updates from the Prayer List)*

(Pastor Kay)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor Kay)

* RESPONSE TO PRAYER

*Gracious God of heaven, hear us as we pray.
Grant us bold creative spirits, this and every day.*

YOUTH MESSAGE

(Pastor Kay)

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION & READINGS

(Laura)

Scripture Introduction: *Corinthians* was written by Paul, a faithful Jewish leader who converted to the Christian faith after witnessing a miracle appearance of Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus was crucified. Paul loved God as a faithful Jew of the Pharisee sect and had witnessed the stoning of Stephen, who had proclaimed the legitimacy of Jesus and was put to death for blasphemy. Paul's conversion to Christianity and love of God can be deeply heard in this passage. **Mark** is the earliest writer of the four gospels and may have been a source for both Luke and Matthew, although exact authorship remains a mystery. The literary style of Mark is not as polished as the style of either Luke or Matthew but Mark's place in the New Testament is secure because no Gospel probes more intensely the implications of "proclaiming Christ crucified," (1 Cor. 1:23)

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (NSRV)

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – "I believed, and so I spoke" – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3: 20-35 (NSRV)

Then he went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" – for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

SERMON: "Misplaced Love"

(Pastor Kay)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Pastor Kay)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

(Laura)

Being allowed to serve is one of the greatest gifts that another may allow us to give. May the gifts that we bring today help us to serve as Jesus calls us to through the ministries of this church. Let us now gather our tithes and offerings.

Offertory Music: "God of Wonders" by Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong;

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

(Rachel)

* **Doxology**

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)

(Laura leads Congregation)

Loving God, we bring these gifts to serve you. Help us to use them to your honor and glory. We pray that in giving and serving, we learn to walk more closely with our Lord. **Amen.**

* **HYMN:** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" No. 602 (v. 1 & 4)

(Laura announces hymn)

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

BENEDICTION

(Pastor Kay)

* **SONG OF GOING OUT**

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.