



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Order of Worship & Liturgy
Sunday – June 12, 2022 – 10:45 AM

PRELUDE: *“Open The Eyes of My Heart”*

(Lauren Arnold)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

(Ann Duncan & Helper)

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

(Pastor Kay)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Greg Pohlman)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Greg leads congregation)

Leader: When we look at the heavens, we rejoice in God!

People: The moons, stars, planets, solar systems are a delight to us!

Leader: We have great joy in Christ our Lord who calls and heals us.

People: For a while we bemoaned our sufferings.

Leader: Yet we are reminded that suffering produces endurance.

People: Endurance produces character and character produces hope. And hope does not disappoint us. Come, let us shout our praise to God together! Amen.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

*** HYMN:** *“Holy! Holy! Holy!”* (No. 3)

(Greg introduces hymn)

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Greg leads congregation)

God of infinite mercy, when we neglect the humbleness of knowing our place in this world, forgive us. When we trade your peace and calls for unity for conflict and violence, forgive us. When we forsake our good character, to join those who scoff at your ways, forgive us. When we ignore your truth, and turn away from your wisdom, forgive us. Forgive us and heal us, Lord, that we may abide in your grace and your love forever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Pastor Kay)

Rejoice! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God fills our souls with grace and wisdom. It is from this grace that we have hope. It is from this wisdom that we know God's love. It is from the living God that we find life and forgiveness. **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: "Our Prayer"

Father, hear us as we pray; Guard and keep us day by day;
Help us feel Thy loving care, every day and everywhere.
Help us to be good and true, Jesus' work on earth to do;
All we have with others share, every day and everywhere. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION & READINGS

(Greg)

Introduction to Scriptures: In **Proverbs**, Wisdom invites all humanity to listen to her. She specifically asks for humans to acquire for ourselves: prudence, intelligence, instruction, and, most important of all, wisdom itself. Wisdom is ultimately embodied in Jesus Christ. **Romans** assures us that we can have real peace with God because of Jesus Christ. God's promises are fulfilled because of Christ and we can be made whole through Him. Today is Trinity Sunday and **John 16** specifically addresses the relationship between the Father, the Son and the Spirit of Truth. The Son has all that belongs to the Father and the Spirit takes that and declares it to the disciples, so that the relationship between them all is strong and all share the same substance, that of God's Truth.

Proverbs 8: 1-4 & 22-31 (NRSV)

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live."

"The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to

the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Romans 5: 1-5 (NRSV)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16: 12-15 (NRSV)

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

SERMON: "Beginning Again"

(Pastor Kay)

*** HYMN: "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"** (No. 391, sing twice)

(Greg introduces hymn)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place.
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we know that we'll have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

(Greg)

As God is mindful of us and of our needs, let us now be mindful of our obligation to be good stewards, through our generosity and responsibility for God's gifts. May the gifts we bring magnify beyond the boundaries of our community to create new possibilities in the world. Let us now gather our tithes and offerings.

Offertory Music: "Great Are You Lord by All Sons & Daughters" (singing)

(Lauren Arnold)

*** 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)

(Greg leads congregation)

O Lord, we rejoice with thankful hearts, that you have given us this beautiful world in which to work and play – a world full of your wisdom and majesty. We offer praise with deepest gratitude, that you have blessed us with your bounty. As we return a portion back to you, bless these gifts and use them to increase wisdom in the world, to bless the vulnerable, to heal the sick and to comfort the afflicted.

Amen.

*** HYMN:** *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* (No. 33)

(Greg introduces hymn)

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free,
Eternal Thy goodness for naught changeth Thee.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; oh, help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!*

BENEDICTION

(Pastor Kay)

POSTLUDE: *“There is A Redeemer”*

(Lauren Arnold)