



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

Rev. Kay Young, Pastor

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Sunday – June 13, 2021

PRELUDE: *“Highland Cathedral for Bagpipe and Organ”* by Ulrich Roerer and Michael Korb
(Lance Donaldson, Retired Covington Police Officer)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES (To Be Assigned)

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER (Pastor Kay)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Greg Pohlman)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (Greg leads Congregation)

Leader: Welcome to worship today!

People: Thank you. We are glad to be here!

Leader: Open your eyes and your hearts to God’s spirit.

People: We open our lives to God’s word for us.

Leader: Rejoice! For God is with us this day!

All: Thanks be to God for God’s loving presence. AMEN!

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

*** HYMN OF ADORATION:** *“Surely the Presence”* No. 219 (twice) (Greg announces hymn)

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,
I see glory on each face;
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PRAYER CONCERNS (updates from 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

(Greg)

*Introduction to Scriptures: **Ezekiel** was born into a priestly family in Jerusalem, who became a priest and prophesied in the 6th century, during the time Jerusalem fell to Nebuchadnezzar. He was in exile when he became a prophet and was a leader in the expatriate community. Ezekiel speaks in parables to tell us how restoration can be made with the love from God as the authority even after such a disturbance in culture.*

***Mark 4:26** speaks in parable to tell us of the wonderful strength and availability of God which is way beyond our imagining and is for everyone. It is not an extensive body of teachings per se as the other gospels are, as much as it is a reassurance that God is ALWAYS with us*

Ezekiel 17: 22-24 (NRSV)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Mark 4: 26-34 (NRSV)

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

SERMON: "In God We Trust"

(Greg & Kipton Pohlman)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

(Greg)

Jesus' teachings give us many seeds to sow in this community and beyond. It is, however, through our gifts that we can nurture these seeds so all may know the gospel's promise. Let us now gather our tithes and offerings.

Offertory Music: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Traditional; Arranged by Marilyn Ham

* **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)

(Greg leads Congregation)

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God. We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving. Bless our gifts that they will nurture the seeds of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

* **HYMN: "They'll Know We Are Christians"** No. 429 (v. 1 - 4)

(Greg announces hymn)

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all blessings flow,
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

BENEDICTION

(Pastor Kay)

POSTLUDE: **"March of the Champion Supreme"** Traditional
(Lance Donaldson, Retired Covington Police Officer)

LUNCHEON

Immanuel's Fellowship Hall