



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Order of Worship & Liturgy
Sunday – June 19, 2022 – 10:45 AM

PRELUDE: *“This is My Father’s World”*

(Lauren Arnold)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

(Jenny Reinhardt & Bob Elliott)

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

(Pastor Kay)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Jack Denham)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Jack leads congregation)

Leader: “If you continue in my word you are truly my disciples; and you will know the Truth, and the Truth will make you free.” John 8:32

*People: **God of heaven and earth, help us grasp the freedom that comes from seeing you more clearly and loving you more dearly.***

Leader: God of the open road and twisting path, we gather for worship.

*People: **We gather together in this hour. We ask for provision for the journey, courage and faith and compassion. Open our eyes to your Presence. We pray in the name of Jesus, who moves us. Amen.***

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

*** HYMN:** *“God of Our Fathers”* (No. 809 verses 1-3)

(Jack introduces hymn)

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.*

*Your love divine has led us in the past,
In this free land by You our lot is cast;
You are our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
Your word our law, Your paths our chosen way.*

*From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be our strong arm, our ever sure defense;
Your true religion in our hearts increase,
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace. Amen.*

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(Jack leads congregation)

Life is sometimes like a giant spider web. We seem to get caught and entangled in its threads, not knowing which way to turn or how to extricate ourselves from the dilemmas in which we are trapped.

Lord, you know that so many of these dilemmas and burdens are of our own creation, coming out of our stubbornness and fear. We find it much easier to turn our back on people in need, or just write a check and hope that the problems go away. Forgive us when we decide not to become involved in the solution, when we would rather back off from helping and turn and run for cover. Give us an extra measure of courage and strength along with your forgiving love, that we may again place our whole trust in you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Pastor Kay)

The steadfast love of God is with you – yesterday, today and tomorrow. Whether you turn away or doubt, whether you follow timidly or joyfully, you are loved and forgiven in Christ. Receive God's loving blessings, for they are given especially for you. **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

(Jack)

Introduction to Scriptures: Scholars believe the **Gospel of Luke** is written by the author of Acts which emphasizes the fulfillment of the scriptures. Both are about historical persons in the midst of conflicts in ancient Israel, giving an account of the divine necessity of Jesus' (and the apostles after him) mission on earth. God's will and reign are at work in human history and in direct contention with the powers of evil. Often the danger to Jesus, as well as the disciples, is especially strong regarding Jesus' conflict with the religious leaders of Israel. We, as readers, must understand that almost all Jesus' followers were Jewish. He did not ask them to relinquish their love of God or the truth of their scriptures but brought fulfillment to all of them.

Luke 20: 27-38 (NRSV)

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses

himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

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

SERMON: “Choosing Life”

(Pastor Kay)

*** HYMN: “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”**

(Jack introduces hymn)

*I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

RITE OF HEALING & ANOINTING

(Pastor Kay)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

(Jack)

O God, you have offered unique gifts to each one of us. Teach us to celebrate and share those gifts so that we may create communities of graciousness and love. Through Jesus, we are reminded of the difference that an individual contribution can make. Let us now gather our tithes and offerings.

Offertory Music: “Fix Me Jesus” (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)

(Jack leads congregation)

*Remembering the strength of God's love and the promise of Christ's help, let us share who we are as the church in the world. With open arms, let us join with one another as we express our faith through our gifts. Please take these gifts, bless them, and use them to create new, imaginative and life-giving streams in our communities. **Amen.***

*** HYMN: “In Christ There is No East or West”** (No. 428)

(Jack introduces hymn)

*In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close binding humankind.*

*Join hands, then, members of the faith,
Whatever your race may be!
Who serves my Father as His child
Is surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet North and South;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

BENEDICTION

(Pastor Kay)

POSTLUDE: “The Family Prayer Song”

(Lauren Arnold)