



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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ORDER OF WORSHIP AND LITURGY

Sunday – June 20, 2021

PRELUDE: *“Faith of Our Fathers”* by Henri F. Hemy; Arranged by Cindy Berry (Rachel Kramer)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES (Ann Duncan & Mary Hagar)

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER (Pastor Kay)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Jack Denham)

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

Leader: In the midst of life’s storms, God is there.

People: *What have we to fear?*

Leader: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

People: *Of whom shall we be afraid?*

Leader: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

All: *Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. AMEN*

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

*** HYMN OF ADORATION:** *“Faith of Our Fathers”* No. 404 (verses 1 – 3) (Jack announces hymn)

*Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeons, fire, and sword;
O how our heart beats high with joy
Whene’er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee til death!*

*Faith of our Fathers! We will strive
To win all nations unto Thee,
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind can then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee til death!*

*Faith of our Fathers! We will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee til death!*

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

(Jack)

*Introduction to Scriptures: In **Corinthians 2**, Paul writes to the church at Corinth, which he started and loves. The stakes are high; the very existence of the church is at stake. Paul loves the church deeply and now feels the people have betrayed his trust. He begs them to understand that his faith in them and God's faith in them is authentic. He asks them to open their hearts to receive that love and grow in it. **Mark 4** helps all of us as believers to have the courage to confront our fears. In story form, it sets the disciples in a perilous position. They feel inadequate to the situation and wake Jesus, who is sleeping. This passage is an assurance to us that even when a situation seems to be impossible, our fears are ungrounded because we are never alone; we are surrounded with the God's love.*

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 (NRSV)

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also. Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out."

Mark 4: 35-41 (NRSV)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

SERMON: *“The Last Word”*

(Pastor Kay)

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: “Prelude in C Major, BWV 846 from the Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I”

by Johann Sebastian Bach (Alex Cress)

*** 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)*

(Jack leads Congregation)

*Bighearted God, we ask you to take these gifts, bless them, and use them to calm storms and create in our communities new, imaginative and life-giving streams. **Amen.***

*** HYMN: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” No. 139 (verses 1 – 3)**

(Jack announces hymn)

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not; Thy compassion they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,*

*Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

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.*