



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Order of Worship & Liturgy
Sunday – June 26, 2022 – 10:45 AM

PRELUDE: *“Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer”*

(Lauren Arnold)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

(Ken & Sandy Landis)

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

(Pastor Kay)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Bill Doyle)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Bill leads congregation)

Leader: A time set apart, a time to come together.

People: For the beauty of summer and the comfort of friends nearby,

Leader: For a space filled with silence, a space filled with song and hearts overflowing with joy and love,

People: For the invitation to love and be loved; and to nourish the soul, God extends the call.

All: It is time to go into the world armed with love and joy. For all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God together.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

*** HYMN:** *“O Worship the King”* (No. 104 verses 1, 3 & 4)

(Bill introduces hymn)

*O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing God’s wonderful love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(Bill leads congregation)

Restoring God, too often we accept the conditions of the world around us and impose limitations on what is possible. We bind ourselves to societal conventions, norms and pressure rather than follow you and your way. We conform to the values of this world rather than pursue the fruit of the Spirit.

Show us the path of life and freedom in you. Teach us to plant seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. May we bear that fruit. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Pastor Kay)

The Guiding Spirit opens us to new life and leads us to right paths. Hear the voice that continually calls, leads and companions with us. Life in the Spirit is constantly renewed and restored. Let the grace of God nurture our roots and allow our flourishing. **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

(Bill)

Introduction to Scriptures: In **Luke**, Jesus sets the tone for what is necessary for one to belong to God. The writer of Luke has a view of truth and history which is thoroughly theological, and the plot is driven by the divine necessity of Jesus’ mission to earth. The conflicts in Israel at this time in history make the story interesting, powerful and even dangerous for followers. **Galatians**, written by Paul to the church in Galatia, reflects a critical moment in the early Christian movement’s struggle to define its mission and identity. The question of continuity with Jewish law and tradition was an urgent concern at this early date in Christianity. In Galatians, Paul insists on the radical character and universal scope of God’s grace.

Luke 9: 51-62 (NRSV)

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Galatians 5: 1 & 13-25 (NRSV)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

SERMON: "Transformed: A Way of Seeing"

(Pastor Kay)

*** HYMN: "Spirit of God"** (No. 390 verses 1, 3 & 4)

(Bill introduces hymn)

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as You are,
And make me love You as I ought to love.*

*Teach me to feel that You are always here;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

*Teach me to love You as Your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Your love the flame.*

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

(Bill)

Jesus invites us to follow him in all ways, including the use and sharing of our resources. An accounting of our time, talent and treasure that reflects our active citizenship in the kingdom brings glory to the Holy One. These seeds bear fruit. Let us now gather our tithes and offerings.

Offertory Music: "Rock of Ages"

(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)

(Bill leads congregation)

*Giver of Gifts, please receive the gifts we bring. May they bless our community and our world. May bonds of scarcity be broken as we meet the needs around us with the gifts that you have first given to us. May we be generous with giving and rejoice in the generosity. **Amen.***

* HYMN: “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (No. 676 verses 1, 3 & 4)

(Bill leads congregation)

*O Jesus, I have promised
To serve You to the end;
Just be forever near me,
My Master, and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
If You are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If You will be my guide.*

*O let me hear You speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.*

*O Jesus, You have promised
To all who follow You,
That where You are in glory,
There we all will be.
And Jesus I have promised
To serve You to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.”*

BENEDICTION

(Pastor Kay)

POSTLUDE: “Peace Be Still” (singing)

(Lauren Arnold)