



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Order of Worship & Liturgy
Sunday – August 14, 2022 – 10:45 AM

PRELUDE: *“Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”* (Performed by Lauren Arnold)

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (Debbie Vater & Mike Hagar)

WELCOME (Jack Denham)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Greg Pohlman)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation led by Greg)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

People: We sing a song of peace and hope!

Leader: Sing to the Lord a song of strength.

People: Our strength is in the Lord of hosts!

Leader: Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

People: Our song is a song of service and faithfulness. AMEN.

HYMN: *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* (No. 87 verses 1, 3, & 4) (Introduced and led by Lauren)

*Fairest Lord Jesus; Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son.
Thee will I cherish; Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.*

*Fair is the sunshine; Fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory, and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation led by Greg)

God of healing mercies, we come to you this day as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love, yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts, or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. We have been given the pathway to peace in the witness of Jesus Christ. He taught us to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own gratification. We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth. We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort. Forgive us, O merciful

God. Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us again to you, that we may once again learn of your love and mercy. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE: Gloria Patri

(Introduced and led by Lauren)

*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

(Jack)

PASTORAL PRAYER

(Jack)

SPECIAL MUSIC: "For The Good"

(Performed by Lauren)

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION

(Greg)

After mentioning a long list of heroes who were faithful in difficult times, the author of Hebrews, addresses the readers directly, encouraging them to follow the example of the faithful. In Hebrews, information based upon doctrine is often the springboard for practical application. After each section of information comes a section of exhortation; and so, begins Chapter 12 with, "Therefore since..."

HEBREWS 11:29 – 12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMON: CHRISTIANITY – IT'S NOT A SPRINT

(Jack)

HYMN: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" (No. 309 verses 1, 3, &4)

(Introduced and led by Lauren)

*I will sing of my Redeemer
and his wondrous love to me;
on the cruel cross he suffered,
from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!*

*With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.*

*I will praise my dear Redeemer,
his triumphant power I'll tell:
how the victory he giveth over
sin and death and hell.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.*

*I will sing of my Redeemer
and his heavenly love for me;
he from death to life has bro't me,
Son of God, with him to be.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(Greg)

Jesus draws us from the sidelines and He calls us down from the stands, not to idly stand by and watch, but to join in the race of Christianity. He challenges us to bring hope, comfort, love and a promise of eternal life to others. We can respond to that call through our generous gifts which will be used to further the ministry of His church throughout our community. Let us now gather our tithes and offerings with gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: “Dancing on the Waves”

(Performed by Lauren)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Led by Greg)

Heavenly Father, thank you that you can satisfy our every desire and need. Your word says that we should give honor to you with the first fruits of our wealth. Accept our tithes and offerings as a gift of worship to you. Multiply what we give for the effective growth of your kingdom. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge. This is our prayer offered in the name of your son Jesus, Amen.

HYMN: “My Faith Looks Up To Thee” No. 539 verses 1 & 2

(Introduced and led by Lauren)

*My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine.*

*May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.*

BENEDICTION

(Jack)

SONG OF GOING OUT: “Adelweiss Song”

(Introduced and led by Lauren)

*May the Lord, Mighty God
Bless and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
Courage in each endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see his face
Touch his grace forever
May the Lord, Mighty God
Bless and keep you forever.*