

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Order of Worship & Liturgy Sunday – August 21, 2022 – 10:45 AM

PRELUDE: "Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

(Performed by Lauren Arnold)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

(Ann Duncan & Jerry Godsey)

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

(Pastor Kay)

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Jack Denham)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(Jack leads congregation)

Leader: We come to you today from the troubles of the world and our wonderful nation. From strife

of city and town, we come to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, help us hear your healing words of love and be agents of peace.

Leader: In the midst of trouble and turmoil, God is our refuge. In God's strength, we shall be

healed.

People: Open our hearts, Lord, that we might truly become bearers of Your peace and Your justice.

Strengthen us to be your people in loving service to You by serving others. **Amen**.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

* HYMN: "Morning Has Broken" (NIH)

(Introduced and led by Lauren)

Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from Heaven, Like the first dew fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, Born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Jack leads congregation)

Transforming God, too often we have been afraid to speak out against the injustices of this world. We have worshipped in ways that made us feel good rather than honor you in our words and deed. Show us the path to faithful living. Show us how to build beloved and just communities. Teach us

how to do your work in this world. Empower us to plant seeds of love, faith and hope. May we bloom where we have been planted for your glory. **Amen**.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Pastor Kay)

God leads us into all truth. Feel the gentle nudges without and within, helping us to course correct. Life in the Spirit is not static, and neither are we. Let the grace of God help us to build that which last and plant what nourishes.

* 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 update)

(Pastor Kay)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor Kay)

* RESPONSE TO PRAYER: "Our Prayer"

(Introduced and led by Lauren)

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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SPECIAL MUSIC: "For The Good"

(Performed by Lauren)

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION & READINGS

(Jack)

Introduction to Scriptures: **Luke's** view of truth and history are completely theological and reflect the divine necessity of Jesus' mission on earth. These verses provide a deeper look at all healing as being an ultimate reason Jesus appeared as one of us. In **Jeremiah**, we are introduced to the divine presence of God on earth through the work of those whom God has called. In these first verses, we see that the people God chooses are not necessarily those whom we would or could expect to be representatives of God for creation.

Jeremiah 1: 4-10 (NRSV)

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Luke 13: 10-17 (NRSV)

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite

unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

SERMON: "Set Apart" (Pastor Kay)

* **HYMN**: "Here I Am, Lord" (No. 589)

(Introduced and led by Lauren)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have bourne My people's pain
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak My word to them;
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give My life to them
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering (Jack)

The Divine source is the one from whom all blessings flow. We have an eternal invitation to bring our resources to God's house to use for the building of kindom and as seed that there might be a continual harvest. These acts reflect the God who knows us and the God who calls us. **Let us now gather our tithes and offerings.**

Offertory Music: "Dancing on the Waves"

(Performed by Lauren)

* **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)

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

We yearn to become more faithful and we pray that you have a purpose for us and our lives. Remind each of us that what we give your kingdom helps make our purpose more real and tangible. Give each of us perseverance to run the race and win the prize. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Fount of Every Blessing, receive these gifts in the joy in which we bring them. May they bless your church universally, our community and our world. May none suffer lack and may we always give from generous hearts. May we always take joy in being blessed to give and to share with you and each other. **Amen**.

* HYMN: "God of Grace & God of Glory" (No.435)

(Introduced and led by Lauren)

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Thy control. Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal. Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not man, nor thee, That we fair not man, nor thee.

BENEDICTION (Pastor Kay)

SONG OF GOING OUT: "Edelweiss Song"

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. (Introduced and led by Lauren)