



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
110 Boone Street – Bromley, Kentucky 41016

Pastor: Tom Daria
Liturgist: Jenny Reinhart

Order of Worship & Liturgy - Sunday – August 10, 2025 – 10:40 AM

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE “*Young Juliet*” from *Romeo and Juliet* by Sergei Prokofiev

(Selected and performed by Suan Choi)

(Debbie Vater & Mike Hagar)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Jenny Reinhart)

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Jenny leads congregation)

Leader: The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

All: Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

Leader: The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

All: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

Leader: Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

All: Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. AMEN.

HYMN: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” No.45, verses 1,3,4

Jenny introduces hymn) (Suan)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Jenny leads congregation)

Forgiving God, you know how easy it is for us to celebrate with joy the wonders of your love. We create wonderful art to represent the joy we feel. Our music soars to the heavens in praise of you. Yet how often we have left our service to you as mere thoughts and intentions without fulfillment. You ask us to be ready to serve you at any time, but we place our commitment on the “to do” list of life; we will do these things when we get to them. Forgive our hesitancy and our self-serving ways, O Lord. Heal us of the disease of seeking first our own comfort before we engage in acts of justice and mercy. Open our eyes and ears to the cries of those in need. Help us to give and also to receive ministries of love and reconciliation as we serve you with our whole hearts. Then our music, our art, our worship will truly reflect your awesome and abundant love for us. AMEN.

ACT OF PRAISE: “*Gloria Patri*” No.812

(Suan)

PRAYER CONCERNS

(Pastor Tom)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor Tom)

Lord of peace and justice, how easy it is for us to fall into the trap of complacency. We get used to doing things the way we have always done them before. We celebrate your love and rejoice in your gifts through our ministry of worship and sacrament. We place our abundance before you in offerings to enable ministries of hope to flourish. Yet we hang back. We feel that we have done enough. We think that we have met the challenge of your call to us. Wake us up! Shake us up! Get us excited about all the wondrous ways in which we can serve you! Do not let our awareness of the needs of others be expressed only in our prayers for healing and compassion. Shape us to be people of justice and peace, bringing the glorious news of your love to all people. Stretch us out! Make us truly disciples who are always ready to help others. Create in us a new spirit and a joyful energy to serve you. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN. AMEN,..Our Father....

RESPONSE TO PRAYER “There is a Savior” No.533

(Suan)

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION: *(Jenny)* Paul wrote in Hebrews: By faith Abraham obeyed.

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 1:1, 10-20** page 548 in pew Bibles

(Jenny)

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

SCRIPTURE READING *Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16* Page 977 in pew Bibles (Pastor Tom)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

SERMON: *"THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM"* (Pastor Tom)

HYMN: "Jesus Is Lord of All" No.599 New (Jenny introduces hymn) (Suan)

TITHES & OFFERINGS:

Invitation to Offering (Jenny)

Luke 12:34 informs us: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Let our hearts direct the use of our resources, our time, and our talents. May our generosity meet God's abundance in attending to the needs and hopes of our community.

Offertory Music: *"Give Thanks"* by Misc Praise Songs (Selected and performed by Suan Choi)

"Doxology" No.815 (Suan)

RESPONSE TO GIFTS (in unison) (Jenny leads congregation)

Generous One, receive the gifts we bring as we return a portion of your treasure to the use of your kingdom. May your will be manifested and your creation restored through sharing these offerings. Amen.

HYMN: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No.259 verses 1,2,5 Jenny introduces hymn (Suan)

BENEDICTION (Pastor Tom)

People of God, made ready by God's love and mercy: Go forth into God's world to serve in ministries of justice, kindness and peace. Know always that God's peace is with you. AMEN.

SONG OF GOING OUT "Heal Our Land" No.800 (Suan)