



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

**Pastor: Tom Daria**  
**Liturgist: Greg Pohlman**

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**Order of Worship & Liturgy - Sunday – July 13, 2025 – 10:45 AM**

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RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* by Harry Rowe Shelley  
(Selected and performed by Suan Choi)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES (Shirley Pierce & Jenny Reinhart)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Greg Pohlman)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Greg leads congregation)

**Leader: Who is my neighbor?**

*All: The righteous and the unrighteous, the just and the wicked.*

**Leader: Who else is my neighbor?**

*All: The rich and the poor, the weak and the strong.*

**Leader: Is anyone else my neighbor?**

*All: The great and the small, the arrogant and the humble.*

**Leader: They are no different than I am!**

*All: You must love your neighbor as yourself!*

HYMN: “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” No.572 (Greg introduces hymn) (Suan)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Greg leads congregation)

Dear Lord, how often we hear of real-life good Samaritans: those who would give the shirts off their backs, those who would do anything and everything to help people in need. How ashamed we feel when we realize how little we do to seek justice and to alleviate suffering in our world. We are amazed by our own ignorance. We offer our hearts and hands to help, Lord. as we feed the hungry, heal the sick, and shelter the homeless, may we also be fed by your bread of life, healed by your gentle touch, and sheltered by your indescribable love. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE: “Gloria Patri” No.812 (Suan)

PRAYER CONCERNS (Pastor Tom)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (Pastor Tom)

Our hope is in you, Lord, our hearts belong to heaven. Our hope comes from the gospel, the word of the truth that you brought to us. May it bear abundant fruit in our lives. Let the whole world be filled with your hope! As we grow in faith, help us truly comprehend your grace, O God; help us understand this amazing grace, as we seek to lead lives worthy of you, O Lord. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. Amen, Our Father....

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

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION: Paul said: He has rescued us from the power of darkness. (Greg)

SCRIPTURE READING **Deuteronomy 30:9-14** Page 163 in pew Bibles (Greg)

the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for

us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

SCRIPTURE READING **Colossians 1:1-14** Page 956 in pew Bibles (Pastor Tom)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

SERMON: **"PAUL THANKS GOD FOR THE COLOSSIANS"** (Pastor Tom)

HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story" No.444 (Greg introduces hymn) (Suan)

TITHES & OFFERINGS:

Invitation to Offering

(Greg)

The Good Samaritan helped a needy stranger at great cost. This revolutionary act of love was life-saving. How will your gifts of time, talent, treasure, or prayer provide hope to this community, and this world?

Offertory Music: **"Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated"** by Frances R. Havergal

(Selected and performed by Suan Choi)

"Doxology" No.815

(Suan)

RESPONSE TO GIFTS (in unison)

(Greg leads congregation)

God of love, we give these gifts back to you with humility, remembering times we've needed help in our own lives. Help us use the gifts we give to love others as we have been loved. Amen.

HYMN: "More Love to Thee, O Christ" No.634

Greg introduces hymn) (Suan)

BENEDICTION

(Pastor Tom)

Be filled with all wisdom and spiritual insight. Lead lives pleasing to the Lord and worthy of our calling. Bear fruit in good works of every kind, as we grow in the knowledge of God. Be strong in the glorious might of the Lord, who gives us power to endure everything with patience and joy. Give thanks to the One who has rescued us from darkness, that we might live forever in the realm of light. Amen!

SONG OF GOING OUT "Heal Our Land" No.800

(Suan)