



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Tom Daria, Pastor
Bill Doyle, Liturgist

Order of Worship & Liturgy – August 24, 2025 – 10:45 AM

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE: *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”* by Charles Wesley arranged by Fritz Stanley
(Selected and performed by Suan Choi)

(Mary Hagar & Mike Grimes)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Bill Doyle)

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Bill leads congregation)

Leader: Give to the Lord your whole trust.

All: We place our lives in God’s care.

Leader: Know that God has always and will always be with you.

All: We place our spirits in God’s embrace.

Leader : Worship God in confidence and peace.

All: We open our hearts to God’s incredible love. AMEN.

HYMN: *“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”* No. 65 verses 1,2,5

(Bill introduces hymn)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Bill leads congregation)

Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds of structures. We easily relegate compassionate service to those agencies in our society that have that as their mandate, forgetting that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another, even as you have cared for us. We turn our backs on those in need, giving the responsibility to someone else. “Let someone else do the work,” we proclaim. And in that proclamation, we have revealed our selfishness and our inability to be your disciples. Stop us from our selfish ways, and heal our hardened hearts. Forgive us, again, as you have so often before when we have failed to be your witnesses and workers. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are, for there is nowhere in creation where your love is not needed. Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service. For we ask these things in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

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

(Suan)

PRAYER CONCERNS

(Pastor Tom)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Pastor Tom)

Summer is almost over and we wonder where the time went, Lord. We look at all the plans we had, those that we accomplished and those that are now to be put aside for another time. We look ahead to the busy year of witness and service and wonder if we are ready to truly work for you. The rest that we craved at the beginning of the summer now seems to have slipped rapidly away, leaving us breathlessly facing the upcoming autumn season. Help us, O Lord, feel your strengthening presence with us. Help us place our trust in you, knowing that you will empower and enable us to be in service. As we have brought the names and concerns of those who are dear to us to this service of prayer, seeking your healing, compassionate love; let us also be willing to place our needs and concerns before you. Give us a powerful sense of restoration and reconciliation to you, for we ask these things in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen and Amen. Our Father..

RESPONSE TO PRAYER: *“O Lord, Please Hear My Prayer”*

(Suan)

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION

(Bill Doyle)

When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 58:9-14** pg.601 in Pew Bibles

(Bill)

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 13:10-17** pg.848 in Pew Bibles

(Pastor Tom)

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 away to give it 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 that he was doing.

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

SERMON: **"JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH"**

(Pastor Tom)

HYMN: "He Touched Me" No.505

(Bill introduces hymn) (Suan)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

(Bill)

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 kingdom and as seed that there might be a continual harvest. These acts reflect the God who knows us and the God who calls us.

Offertory Music: **"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"** by Robert Lowry arranged by Jenifer Cook

(Selected and performed by Suan Choi)

"Doxology" (No. 815)

(Suan)

RESPONSE TO GIFTS (in unison)

(Bill leads congregation)

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: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" No.264 NEW

(Bill introduces hymn) (Suan)

BENEDICTION

(Pastor Tom)

As you depart from this sacred space, do so fearlessly for God's word is in you. Go and build beloved community wherever you roam and plant seeds of love, faith, and hope. Amen

SONG OF GOING OUT: "Go Out as People of God" Sing 2X

(Suan)