



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

Pastor: Tom Daria
Liturgist: Mary Hagar

Order of Worship & Liturgy - Sunday – June 29, 2025 – 10:45 AM

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”* by Tom Burnett

(Selected and performed by Suan Choi)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

(Ken Landis & Mike Grimes)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Mary Hagar)

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Mary leads congregation)

Leader: We gather here today to praise God for God's mighty acts in our lives.

All: There are many people who do not believe in God's presence.

Leader: We are called to learn of God's love and power.

All: We are called to proclaim God's transforming love to all people.

Leader: Let us worship God who is with us now and forever.

All: Let us open our hearts, souls, and spirits to hear God's word. AMEN.

HYMN: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” No. 602

(Mary introduces hymn) (Suan)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Mary leads congregation)

Merciful Lord, we know that you want the best for us. It must really disappoint you when we fail to be the kind of devoted followers that you need. You know of the needs in this world and the capability that we have of meeting those needs and bringing words of hope and healing through actions of compassion and justice. Yet we are hesitant in our commitment to you and to ministries of peace. We want good things to happen. We just aren't sure that we are up to the tasks you set before us.

Forgive us when we so easily doubt your call, your presence, and your abiding love. Lift us up from lives of self-pity and self-centeredness, and bring us to you with hearts filled with joy, praising you for opportunities to witness to your love in our service to your people. Heal us and restore us, for we ask this 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)

We need your healing love today, O Lord. Create in us a new heart of compassion, as Christ has called us to be witnesses of redemption rather than alienation. Hold us gently. Heal us. Enable us to truly be your disciples, O Christ. AMEN. AMEN “Our Father, etc.,

RESPONSE TO PRAYER “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

(Suan)

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION: Someone said to Jesus: I will follow you wherever you go.

(Mary)

SCRIPTURE READING **1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21** page 285 in pew Bibles

(Mary)

Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will

follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 9:51-62** Page 843 in pew Bibles (Pastor Tom)

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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

SERMON: ***"THE MISSION OF THE TWELVE"*** (Pastor Tom)

HYMN: “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” No.597 verse (Mary introduces hymn) (Suan)

TITHES & OFFERINGS:

Invitation to Offering (Mary)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all your blessings and for the opportunity to share in your generosity. May these offerings be a reflection of our gratitude and a contribution to the work of your kingdom.

Offertory Music: ***“Just As I Am Without One Plea”*** by William Bradbury arranged by K. Kobayashi
(Selected and performed by Suan Choi)

“Doxology” No.815 (Suan)

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

To the witness of new life emerging, God open us.
To the work of new world building, God commit us.
To the power of love persisting, God dedicate us.
For the calling of faith rising up, God equip us.
Amen.

HYMN: “Jesus Is All the World to Me” No. 512 (NEW) (Mary introduces hymn) (Suan)

BENEDICTION (Pastor Tom)

You have been healed and restored in Christ Jesus. Go in peace, proclaiming the good news of God’s absolute, eternal love through ministries of peace and hope. AMEN.

SONG OF GOING OUT “Go Out as People of God” sing 2X (Suan)