

Immanuel **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



Growing Together in the Way of Jesus

**"Though I play at the edges of knowing,
truly I know
our part is not knowing,
but looking, and touching, and loving,
which is the way I walked on,
softly,
through the pale-pink morning light."**

(Mary Oliver, from her poem "Bone")

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 30, 2020

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE	Holy Ground	B. Wilhour
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION TO PRAYER		Liz Pruchnicki
INTROIT	Letting Go <i>Sarah Sherman, soloist</i>	S. Sherman
CALL TO WORSHIP		Liz Pruchnicki
<i>Please note that today's hymns are included at the end of the bulletin. Thank you!</i>		

HYMN	I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes	#45
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UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION	Rev. Strednak Singer
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We lift our eyes to You, O God!
We have only to open our hearts
To witness Your creative power at work
Bringing hope out of despair
And new life out of death and destruction.
We have only to open our hearts
To see Your face in the longing eyes of those who yearn
For the basic necessities of life.
We have only to open our hearts
To know that You really do keep our coming in
And going out from this time forth and forevermore.
We have only to open our hearts to
Know that Your presence and Your call to love and serve
Abides all around us.
Faithful One, we acknowledge today that our hearts are not always open.
Our trust and commitment waver.
Our self-absorption and resentment get the best of us,
And we do not always make choices that yield Your Spirit's fruit.
So we give thanks that Your love remains steadfast
And we rededicate our selves to Your Way of compassion and grace.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: When we remember the gurgling waters of baptism, we can imagine our own newborn gurgles on our first day of life, the gurgling great gulps of life and love. Make us as new as we were on that first newborn day.

(The baptismal font is filled. As Christians, we are united in community through the waters of Baptism. Water is poured as a reminder that God claims, forgives, and renews us to live out God's love as a community of faith.)

Leader: O Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouths will declare Your praise.*

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: *The Lord's name be praised.*

GLORIA PATRI

#581

*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.*

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sarah Sherman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Strednak Singer

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

See the Love

Lexi Green, Ben Wdowik, Andy Gregory, Michael Coar, Sienna Wdowik, Rev. Graceson & Rev. Kluttz

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-15

Rev. Kluttz

SERMON

Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

"Falling Apart Series: Encountering God in the Midst of Change"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

God, Your Servant Moses Came

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Flicker of Faith

B. Wilhour

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*God of Grace,
Thank You for meeting us as we are, where we are.
Thank You for being as close to us as breath,
As imminent as light itself,
As nearby as our neighbors.
Hear our gratitude and joy
Amidst our mess and chaos,
In the middle of our breakfast tables and empty tables,
Through the silence of sheltering alone,
Or the constant murmurs of family chatter.
God of Grace, we lift our hearts to You! Amen.*

FAREWELL LITURGY FOR REV. GRACESON *(recorded Thursday, August 28)*

Pastor Susan: I thank Immanuel Presbyterian Church, and all of Immanuel's members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last five years...

(The liturgy continues...)

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here, and I give thanks to God for you and for our time together.

All: We receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and accept the fact that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We too ask your forgiveness for any mistakes we have made. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

(The liturgy continues...)

Pastor Aaron: Do you, the members and friends of Immanuel Presbyterian Church ask God's blessing upon Pastor Susan at this time of departure?

All: We do, with the help of God.

Pastor Katie: Do you offer your encouragement for Pastor Susan's ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

All: We do, with the help of God.

(The liturgy continues...)

All: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our

laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dundee

Scottish Psalter, 1615

Announcements Concerning Our Lives Together

Welcome to all those worshipping with us today! New to Immanuel? Please take a few moments to let us know about yourself - scan the QR code to the right to get started!



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (via ZOOM) TODAY at 11:30 a.m.

A congregational meeting will take place today at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. If we have technical problems on Zoom and the meeting cannot proceed, we will try again at 5 pm. **You should have received an email with a link to register for this meeting - please contact office@ipcmclean.org if you did not receive the link to register.** The purpose of this special meeting is to dissolve the call to The Rev. Susan Graceson, as she has advised us that she will be leaving to act as pastor to another congregation.

If you are a voting member of Immanuel (that is, you have been formally received into Immanuel's membership), please attend the meeting and vote. If you are concerned about having online access to this meeting, please get in touch with Dana Pratt (danapratt@cox.net; 571-318-0210) or office@ipcmclean.org and we will see that you receive assistance.

SAYING FAREWELL TO PASTOR SUSAN

As you participate in the "drive thru" goodbye opportunity this Sunday, there will be a basket where you can roll down your car window to drop off cards and gifts of love to thank Pastor Susan for all that she has meant to us over these five years together!

You're invited to drop by Immanuel for a 'drive up' congregational goodbye in the Immanuel parking lot on **Sunday, August 30th from 3-4:30 p.m.**

For children and families, Pastor Susan invites you to a Parking Lot Farewell Parade on [Sunday, August 30th, at 5 p.m.](#) in Immanuel's lower parking lot. Kids can wave from the safety of their cars, and drop off any messages they may wish to share. Susan will have special keepsake gifts for each child to remind them of the love she will carry in her heart for them.

SANDWICH-MAKING FOR MARTHA'S TABLE

Immanuelites will soon have the opportunity to make sandwiches at home and drop them off at the church for delivery to Martha's Table once a month, starting in September, as we seek to share daily bread with our neighbors facing food insecurity.

Details and sign-ups to come in the September 4th E-Presence! The sign up will contain instructions for the specific ingredients that participants will need to purchase, as well as information on how to prepare, package, and label the sandwiches for distribution at Martha's Table. Families of all ages and stages are welcome to participate!

WAYS TO GIVE...

- Click [here](#) for secure online giving. Would you prefer to set up an ACH direct debit from your bank account? Simply fill out [this](#) form, then scan and e-mail it to [Mary Ann Vaughan](#).
- Immanuel's 'Text to Give' telephone number is 833-756-0284. [Click here](#) for instructions!
- Download the [Give Plus app](#) and search for our church to make donations.
- Any checks being mailed should temporarily be mailed to: Mary Ann Vaughan. Please [email her](#) for a mailing address. Please make checks payable to Immanuel. Thank you!

JOIN US ON ZOOM!

Weekly Events:

Faith Matters

(via conference call)
Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Grace Yoga with Kathy Bagden

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Women of Spirit

Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.

Card-crafting Group

Wednesdays at 10:00 p.m.

AA Open Meeting

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Lectionary Group

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Online Worship Service

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Sundays at 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Special Events:

Divinity Within Series:

~~August 3, at 6:30 p.m.~~

August 31, 6:30 p.m.

September 21, 6:30 p.m.

October 5, 6:30 p.m.

November 2, 6:30 p.m.



Immanuel Divinity Within Series

Upcoming Events:

Aug 31, 6:30pm

Food ethics + cooking together, a session about our food communities and policies and a live-led cooking class where we create a dish together in real time, led by Liz Pruchniki and Dr. Sondra Wheeler

Sept 21, 6:30pm

Intuitive Eating + live Q &A with nutritionist, a session where questions may be submitted beforehand about nutrients and stewarding our bodies through food! Led by Rebecca Fulp-Eickstaedt

Oct 5, 6:30pm

Journaling + Collage Workshop- Writing as spiritual and mental reflection, led by Martie Fulp-Eickstaedt

Nov 2, 6:30pm

Gratitude + self-compassion practices, a session dedicated to positive psychology, the science of gratitude, and how cultivating rituals of gratitude and compassion can change your brain, led by Sarah Sherman and Katie Strednak Singer

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes 45

(Psalm 121)



1 I to the hills will lift my eyes; from
 2 God will not let your foot be moved; your
 3 Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your
 4 From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro -



whence shall come my aid? My help is from the
 guard - ian nev - er sleeps; God's watch - ful and un -
 shel - ter and your shade. 'Neath sun or moon, by
 vide for all you need. Your go - ing out, your



Lord a - lone, who heaven and earth has made.
 slum - bering care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.
 day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.
 com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

God, Your Servant Moses Came

Fulp-Eickstaedt, 2020

ABERYSTWYTH 7.7.7.7.D

Joseph Parry, 1876

1. God, Your ser - vant Mo - ses came, to Mount Ho - reb's ho - ly height
2. Then You told him, "Mo - ses, Go! I have heard my peo - ple shout.
3. God we yearn to meet You here, Sov - ereign Lord of love and grace.
4. Help us see in liv - ing life, that You speak in ma - ny ways

Where he saw a bush in flame, then he turned to see that sight.
I can - not ig - nore their woe, Go down Mo - ses, lead them out!
In these days of doubt and fear, how we long to see Your face!
In the midst of joy and strife, and in or - di - na - ry days.

In that fire that would not dim, through a blaze that would not die
What then will you say of me, if they ask My name of you?
In our dai - ly lives we find, when no burn - ing bush is there,
In the chal - lenge of a friend, in the charge to love a foe,

Mo - ses heard You call to him, and he an - swered, "Here am I."
I will be what I will be, I will do what I will do."
Still Your call comes to be kind, to do jus - tice and to care.
Let us know it's us You send, let us hear and let us go!

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
 vide you:
 round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 fore you: