

INTO THE PRESENCE

Organ Reflections and Chiming of the Hour
Words of Welcome
Announcements for the Community
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastor Heppenstall

Prelude “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
By Rev. Thomas A. Dorsey

Call to Worship
The sound is sweet and sure:
God’s Grace is sufficient for our every need.
Good news for those far off and those nearby.
God’s Grace is sufficient for our every need.
Come what may, when it may, how it may:
God’s Grace is sufficient for our every need.
This is the day the Lord has made,
God’s Grace is sufficient for our every need.
All: Let us Worship God!

*Opening Hymn #422 “Amazing Grace”

*Prayer of Adoration

Special Music
X’zaya Ivy, soloist

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Rev. Mark Ballard
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Sharing the Gift of Peace to All, Passing the Peace
The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And Also with you!
As Christ shared His peace with us let us share His peace with one
another.
(Please return to your places as the Peace Hymn begins.)

*Peace Hymn “Prayer For Peace” by David Haas
“Peace / Love / Christ before us; * behind us; * to all we meet;
Peace / Love / Christ within us; * over us;
let all around us be Peace / Love / Christ.”

INTO THE WORD

Reading from the Psalms Deuteronomy 6:1-9 David Schraver
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response #472 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Reading from the Gospels John 15:12-17

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon We Love to Tell the Story - Part I:
“Of Jesus and His Love”
Text: “No one has greater love than this...” John 15:13

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Moments for Quiet Reflection
(In what ways do you “lay down your life” for others? Are those “others” friends?
Are any of them “enemies”? What do you see God doing?
Are you called to become part of it?)

*Hymn #454 “He Came Singing Love”

Minute for Stewardship: Love Area of Ministry

Congregational Response: “We Love to Tell the Story”
We love tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love!
We love to tell the story, because we know ’tis true;
it satisfies our longings as nothing else can do.
We love to tell the story, ’twill be our theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Call for the Offering

Offertory “Here’s One”
African-American Spiritual, based on an arrangement by William Grant Still

*Song of Dedication - “Spirit Song”
words and music by John Wimber
Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul;
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs;
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

*Prayer of Dedication

INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #77 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

*Unison Charge
Let us go out into God’s world in peace; have courage;
hold on to what is good; return to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering;
honor all persons; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Benediction

Postlude “Festival Overture” by Peter Friedman

(Many people at Immanuel prefer to be seated to listen to the Postlude.
If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you.)
Everyone is invited to join us for coffee time after worship in the MacDonald Room.

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:
Our Reader this morning is David Schraver.
Our Liturgist this morning is Rev. Mark Ballard.
Our Cantor is X'zaya Ivy
Our Stewardship Minute this morning is offered by Laurel Newton.

PRAYING TOGETHER AT IMMANUEL:
Please pray for our:
Local Mission: The work of our friends at “Our Blend” (the successor to the Coffee Connection.)
National and International Mission: International Ministries work in the Philippines and the new churches that have been planted.

If you have someone you would like us to keep in prayer please put their names on the Prayer List on the table in the Narthex.

*(Indicates the Congregation will please stand as you are able.)

We are blessed by your presence with us and pray that in a deep and abiding way the power and presence of the living God will touch your life as you are with us this morning. We welcome you to a safe, vibrant, loving space where everyone may experience healing and growth. The vision of Immanuel is to spread Jesus' message of love, peace and justice. To provide a safe, loving, welcoming environment where everyone can study, grow and heal.

The **Personal Preparation** on the front cover is offered as a doorway to meaningful worship this morning. Sometimes we pray it together and other times we will share it in silence. We encourage you to "be still and know" the living God. Immanuel means "God is with us."

Immanuel Baptist is pleased to host our friends and neighbors from the greater community each week. The White Lotus Buddhist Center meets regularly on the second floor of our church and the Area Artists (AA and other Support Groups) meet downstairs throughout the week.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME...ALL SAINTS COMMUNION

Next Sunday, November 2nd Immanuel will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and our service of worship will include a **time for remembering all the saints who have entered the church triumphant since this time last year.** We will remember them in a special Litany and with the singing of, **"For All the Saints"**. In our tradition a saint is a believer who seeks to follow Christ in faithful discipleship, who bears Christ's name and seeks to bear Christ's purpose into the world. To be a saint is to respond to the love of God made known in Christ and to trust that when our labors are over and our work is done God will provide us peace at the last and a holy rest. We trust our Lord who promised, "This day you will be with me in paradise."
"O Blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee for all are Thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!"

IF YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR A NEW CHURCH HOME:

We invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of Immanuel.

Please:

- **Write your name**, address, email and phone number in the **Friendship Pad at the front door or speak to the Pastor.**
- **Learn more about us - there are Welcome Brochures in the Narthex and you can visit our website at:** immanuelcommunityroc.org
- **Join us for coffee time** after worship in the McDonald Room...**we'd like to get to know you!**

GROWING IN CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

As those seeking to faithfully follow Christ and to learn what it means for us to live as Christ lived and love as Christ loved we encourage one another as members of the Immanuel Community to:

- **Worship and pray regularly-** pay attention to your Spiritual growth.
- **Use our gifts to serve eagerly-** there is no one else like you!
- **Study Intentionally -** we never outgrow God.
- **Give Generously -** in whatever ways you are able.
- **Enjoy and Celebrate our Shared Fellowship and**
- **Invite a friend to join us on our shared faith journey.**

THE IMMANUEL COMMUNITY
NOVEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

November 9th
Dr. Richard Myers to Preach
We Love to Tell the Story - Part 3:
"Because We Never Give Up the Cry for Justice"

November 16th
Rev. Travis Norvell to Preach

November 23rd
Pastor Heppenstall to Preach
We Love to Tell the Story - Part 4
"Scenes of Glory"

NEXT SUNDAY: - NOVEMBER 2ND

Rev. Mark Ballard to Preach
We Love to Tell the Story - Part 2:
"Because We Know 'tis True"

Text: "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth." (John 16:13a)

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FOR IN-PERSON OR ZOOM WORSHIP
at Immanuel beginning at 10:45 am

To join us via Zoom, it is the same Zoom link as always:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5854737664>

Meeting ID: 585 473 7664 One tap mobile:

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Zoom Pass Code: q9jBwM

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Welcome to Immanuel Baptist Church

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PERSONAL PREPARATION

Almighty and eternal God: our eyes cannot see You, our hands cannot touch You. You are beyond the understanding of our minds. Yet You have breathed Your Spirit into our spirits. You have formed our minds to seek You, inclined our hearts to love You, called us to be heirs of Your eternal kingdom. Please give us faith to lay hold of things unseen, to live as those who see the invisible God. Bring us at last to those things beyond our seeing, beyond our hearing, beyond our imagining, to the vision of Your glory when we shall see You face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from The Book of Common Order- Church of Scotland)