

The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof.

— Barbara Kingsolver, Animal Dreams

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 29, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE Aus tiefer Not (Out of the Depths)

G. Kauffmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

INVOCATION

INTROIT How Long, O God, Will My Prayers Be in Vain?

B. Hamm

Sarah Sherman, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Katie Strednak Singer, Worship Leader

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Please note that today's hymns are included at the end of the bulletin. Thank you!

HYMN OF PRAISE Lift High the Cross #826

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Holy and Life-Giving God,

These are interesting times in which we live.

We come before You this morning,

As aware as ever that we come from various places.

Yet we are connected by Your love which binds us together.

We come to sing Your praises, to proclaim the love of Christ

And to lift up the way to—and way of—life we behold in the cross.

We praise You O God, for all of the ways you bring life out of death,

Hope out of despair, and joy out of morbid self-absorption.

And we confess to You now all of the ways we

Have actively chosen against life, hope, and joy.

We thank You that we need not stay stuck there,

And that Your Spirit works through us.

So forgive us for the times we opt against Your best intentions

For us and for the world You so dearly love.

SILENT PRAYER WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the sound of love poured out.

(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

Rev. Susan Graceson

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go J. Ness Beck Sarah Sherman, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45

SERMON "Hope in the Unwrapping" Rev. Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE God of our Life #686

SHARING OUR CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Von Gott will ich nicht laßen (From God Can Nothing Move Me) J.G. Walther

DOXOLOGY #606

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

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: And all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: And forget not all God's benefits.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy One,

We give You thanks for simple joys

And for the goodness

Embedded in each day!

Teach us to be fully present disciples,

Listening always for Your Spirit's leading.

May our lives reflect Your light in the world

No matter what we face

In these wilderness days.

Guide the stewardship of our lives

To Your glory!

We pray this and more to You,

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

HYMN OF SENDING

It Is Well with My Soul

#840

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A Minor

W. Boyce



STAY CONNECTED...

To receive a weekly email about Immanuel's Children's Ministries program, email sgraceson@ipcmclean.org.

To receive Youth updates, please email lpruchnicki@ipcmclean.org.

To receive our weekly E-Presence newsletter via email, contact office@ipcmclean.org.

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840 When Peace like a River



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 - just scan the QR code to the right to get started!



POLO (Parents of Little Ones) Lunch Check-In

Monday, March 30, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Take a lunch break to chat via Zoom with your POLO friends! We'll each offer a quick check-in to hear about what's going on in our lives (and our homes!), followed by prayer time together.

https://zoom.us/j/2822807811 Meeting ID: 282 280 7811

Prayers & Pets with Pastor Katie - Wednesday, April 1, 3:15-4:00 p.m.

If you've spent much time in Zoom rooms lately, you know how much cameos from pets can lift the spirit! Bring your pets for more than a cameo for this Zoom gathering (using the link below)! We'll have a "meet and greet" of our pets, show fun tricks that our pets have learned, and then we'll join together in praying for each other, our communities, and the world.

https://zoom.us/j/623148634 Meeting ID: 623 148 634

Young Adult Game Night - Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

Join Pastor Katie and Pastor Billy for young adult (20s and 30s) game night, including fun games like true facts, box of lies, and charades!

https://zoom.us/j/474704100 Meeting ID: 474 704 100

Lectio Lunch - Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Join Pastor Katie for a half hour of guided "lectio divina," an ancient method of reading scripture which involves extended readings, periods of silence with guided reflection, and shared insights aloud at the leading of the Spirit. Feel free to enjoy your lunch while we read and reflect together each week through this contemplative spiritual practice every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. Please use the Zoom link below.

https://zoom.us/j/723779236 Meeting ID: 723 779 236

Community Connection - Thursday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for conversation and check-ins next Thursday! If you are missing seeing Immanuelites face-to-face, this Zoom hangout is for you! Use this link to participate.

Flock Groups at Immanuel

"Know your sheep by name, carefully attend to your flocks." Proverbs 27:23

In the interest of keeping our faith community together at this time of physical distancing, IPC has initiated Flock groups. Each Flock consists of about ten households plus a Flock Leader who has already reached out to you or will soon. We hope periodic check-ins via phone, e-mail, or text will be a welcome way to stay connected with your church family. Please reach out to your Flock Leader if you have any prayer requests, needs that arise, or ways your church family can provide assistance.

If you have not yet been contacted by a Flock Leader and want to be, please contact Katherine Wendt at kgwendt@me.com or 703-288-1150 who will find a Flock for you.

New Ways to Give...

In response to the evolving challenges of COVID-19, we want to remind everyone of alternative tithing options which allow us to continue to operate and manage our church during this time.

- 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 new 'Text to Give' telephone number is 833-756-0284. <u>Click here</u> for instructions!
- Our members can also download the <u>Give Plus app</u> and search for our church to make donations.
- Any checks that are being mailed should temporarily be mailed to: Mary Ann Vaughan, 4923 Lackawanna St, College Park, MD 20740. Please continue to make checks payable to Immanuel. Thank you!

Join an Online Small Group!

Several of Immanuel's small groups are continuing to meet via video-conferencing and conference calls - we encourage you to participate and stay connected to your Immanuel friends and family! Contact <u>Russ Carlton</u> for a list of small groups, with instructions on how to participate!



Community Art Project at Immanuel!

Need a reason to get you and your kids out of the house? In an effort to keep us all connected to the church and to one another during this time, we are inviting families to come to the church at your convenience and bring your own sidewalk chalk to create messages/drawings on the sidewalks. Let your children express their love and support for their Immanuel friends during this time of being apart.

Please follow guidelines about maintaining 6 feet distance from any other person who might be at the church at the same time. Please also refrain from entering the church buildings (they will be locked) since they have been sanitized and we want to minimize the work for our cleaning staff.

Our hope is that our sidewalks will become a public work of art and love for all to see!

Receive Daily Lenten Devotions Via Text

Need a reminder to pause for reflection, prayer & re-centering during Lent? Text IMMANUELLENT to 97000. You'll receive daily texts at various times of day to help you pause and remember the holy. Texts will include brief theological thoughts, scriptures, and prayers.

You will receive text messages from Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Message & data rates may apply. Messages frequency varies. Reply STOP to stop, HELP for help. <u>Terms</u>. <u>Privacy policy</u>.



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