

A strong, vague persuasion that it was better to go forward than backward, and that I could go forward—that a way, however narrow and difficult, would in time open—predominated over other feelings: its influence hushed them so far, that at last I became sufficiently tranquil to be able to say my prayers and seek my couch. I had just extinguished my candle and lain down, when a deep, low, mighty tone swung through the night. At first I knew it not; but it was uttered twelve times, and at the twelfth colossal hum and trembling knell, I said: "I lie in the shadow of St. Paul's."

— Charlotte Brontë, Villette

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Sunday, April 19th

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE Victory Palestrina, adapt.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATION TO PRAYER

INVOCATION Rev. Katie Strednak Singer

INTROIT We Walk by Faith S. McFarland

Brian Wilhour, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP Liz Pruchnicki

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 The Day of Resurrection

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

O God Whose Love makes a way,

We praise You this Easter season for this day of resurrection

And for every day when we behold the triumph of life over death.

We praise You for the helpers who lay their lives on the line for others.

We praise You for the beauty and wonder of Spring with its buds and blossoms.

We praise You for the gift of laughter, even when it comes through tears.

We praise You that even at the grave we make our song—Alleluia!

Mixed in with our praise, O God, we confess that

We do have our doubts and fears.

We have our days when it all seems to be too much

And, perhaps, we question whether and how You are present.

We have our days when we get so wrapped up in our own worries

That we can't see the needs of Your hurting children beyond our own small circles.

That's how it is with us, Lord. At least sometimes.

And that's when we need You most. So in Your grace and mercy,

Reach us anew this day—and this week—so that we can

Live into the fullness of who You have called us to be

And serve as examples of Your presence for others.

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

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.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev Susan Graceson

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM There is a Balm in Gilead trad., arranged by B. Kluttz

Abby Madden, Billy Kluttz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE I Peter 1:3-9

SERMON Rev. Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt

"Genuine Faith in a Genuinely Difficult Time"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE Be Thou My Vision

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Minuet I" from Suite No. 1 [BWV 1007]

J.S. Bach

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.

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

Adonai, we praise You!

We praise You for Your loving kindness

And Your overwhelming grace.

We praise You for entrusting us

To share the gifts that You gave to us,

And we pray that You would guide us

In the stewardship of our whole lives.

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

Our Journey of Faith

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Easter Hymn

Lyra Davidica, adapt.

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



Community Coffee, Conversation, & Prayer

Tuesday, April 21st at 9:00am

Join us for this Zoom get-together hosted by Tina Long. All are welcome! (Note: To prevent 'Zoom-bombing,' please do not share the Zoom link via social media - thank you!)
Zoom Link here - Meeting ID: 282 280 7811 - Password: IPCMCLEAN

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.

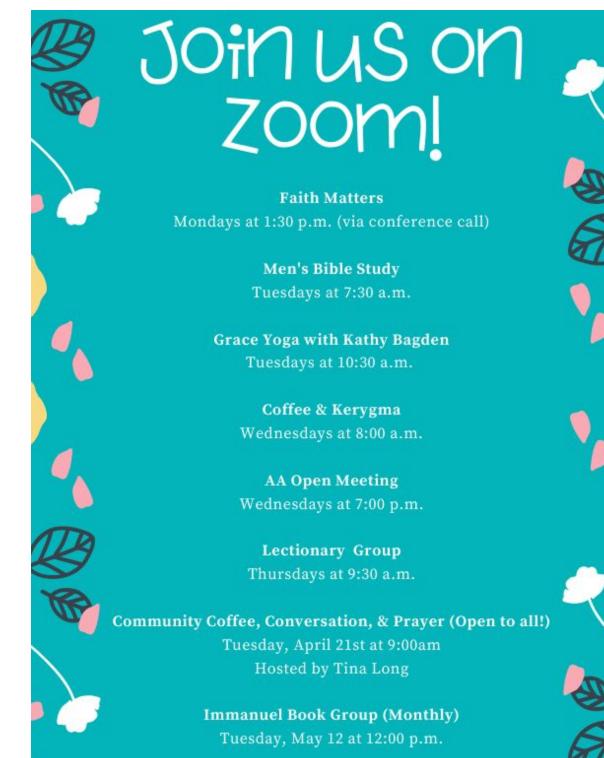
New Ways to Give...

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 <u>here</u> 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!

Giving Statements

Please note that giving statements will be sent via email this quarter. For those that we don't have an email, you will receive them via USPS. Additionally, if you have experienced any problems when downloading your statements, please contact Mary Ann Vaughan at mvaughan@ipcmclean.org and she will send you a copy. Thank you!

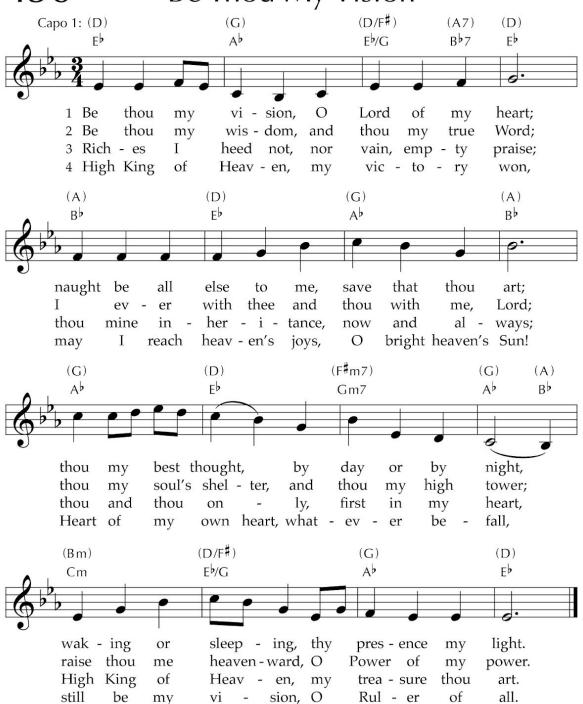


The Day of Resurrection!



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