

The runner knows something the rest of us are busy forgetting: to get stronger, you have to go on until you are uncomfortable, and then go on a while longer. It is in that place where discomfort happens but activity is still possible that growth and development happen.

-Jason Dias, Values of Pain: How a Culture of Convenience Shapes Our Spirituality

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY May 17,2020

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE "Allemande" from French Suite No. 1 in D Minor

J.S. Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION TO PRAYER

Rev. Strednak Singer, Al & Kim Jurkin

INVOCATION

INTROIT Praise Be to Thee

G F Handel

Sarah Sherman, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

HYMN Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

#837

PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

Liz Pruchnicki

O God, Your everlasting arms spread out in welcome
To provide a resting place on which to lean
When we grow weary or full of care.
They firmly guide us along our pilgrim way,
Quell our fears when anxieties rise in us,
And wrap us in blessed peace now and at our journey's end.
We know those strong arms in the love and care of dear ones,
The call to serve and stand for those in need,
And in the promise of Your presence even when we can't feel it—
Even when we cannot embrace those who mean so much to us.
We confess that we don't always trust the words we sing,
Nor do we always give ourselves fully to You and Your way.
Sometimes we leave undone what we should do
And do what we know very well we should not.
But Your grace keeps meeting us where we are

SILENT PRAYER WORDS OF ASSURANCE

And loving us too much to let us stay stuck in our selves.

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. Graceson

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM Because He Lives

M. Maher

Ben Wdowik, Luke Fisher, Michael Coar, and Rev. Billy Kluttz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Kluttz

SCRIPTURE Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt, Rev. Strednak Singer, Sue Johnston, Andy Gregory Ecclesiastes 9:11-12; Hebrews 12:1-2

Philippians 3:12-14; II Timothy 4:6-8

SERMON "Running Lessons" Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE Fight the Good Fight

#846

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Strednak Singer & Bizzy Bracken

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Courante in F

G.F. Handel

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

Holy One,

Turn us toward You

That our hearts may grow in love,

That our spirits may know and trust Your own,

And that our lives may be lived

In service and in thanks!

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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

#804

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A Minor

J. James

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!





CLICK ON THE ABOVE IMAGE TO READ ABOUT OUR 2020 AUCTION!

Share "Celebrations & Concerns" in Small Groups this Sunday!

Grab your cup of coffee and join your church family on Zoom this morning from 11:00-11:30am. Upon being admitted from the virtual waiting room, we'll divide into breakout rooms to share our celebration and concerns in small groups. Then at 11:20am, we'll reunite as a whole for a prayer together led by one of Immanuel's pastors. Join your faith family to laugh and lament as we lift our prayers to God together.

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. Please <u>email her</u> for the mailing address. Please make checks payable to Immanuel. Thank you!

Our 2020 Endowment Grant Recipients & Projects!

<u>Click here</u> to watch a video featuring our spectacular 2020 Endowment Grant Recipients! Following the video, <u>click here</u> to read more about our 2020 Endowment Grant Recipients and their projects.

Evening Prayers with the Fulp-Eickstaedts

<u>Click here</u> to watch a series of evening prayer services hosted by Rev. Aaron and his wife, Rev. Judith. A new prayer service is uploaded each evening, and can be viewed at <u>Rev. Judith's YouTube page.</u>

JOIN US ON ZOOM!

Faith Matters

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

AA Open Meeting

(with Pastor Susan) Mondays at 12:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Grace Yoga with Kathy Bagden

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee & Kerygma

Wednesdays at 8:00 a.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

11:00-11:30 a.m.

Pastor Susan Zoom w/IPC Kids

Sundays at 3:00 p.m.





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