

"Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of. ... An apparently trivial indulgence in [hatred, cruelty, vengeance] today is the loss of a ridge or railway line or bridgehead from which the enemy may launch an attack otherwise impossible."

-C.S. Lewis

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 13, 2020

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE We Gather Together Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck, 1626

INTROIT Olam Chesed Ibaneh

Sarah Sherman, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP Liz Pruchnicki

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

HYMN Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty #403

PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

Rev. Kluttz, Frank & Teri Bennett

Holy One,

In Jesus the Christ, the gate to Your heart is flung open wide.

When our own hearts are open, we behold the wonder, beauty,

And complexity of life.

We celebrate the little joys in a day and marvel in each grand occasion.

We note and respond to the sorrow and suffering within and around us.

We share in life together and do what we can to make a difference for others In the name of Love.

When we practice genuine humility,

We also know enough to know that we do not dwell in Eden,

Nor do we always act in ways that demonstrate

That we understand our vital connection to You and one another.

Through Your Spirit, fling wide the gates to our hearts, O God.

Forgive us and set us free to do the work

You have called and empowered us to do.

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

Sarah Sherman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Strednak Singer

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM Eve Didn't Eat That Fruit Alone Rev. Kluttz

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:4b-7; 15-17, 3:1-8 Liz Pruchnicki & Kevin Hovis

SERMON Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

"The Long Game: Knowledge, Humility, and Wisdom"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE Open My Eyes, That I May See

#451

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Strednak Singer & Olivia Ware

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

(The New Zealand Anglican Lord's Prayer)

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

L. Mason

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Rev Kluttz

Mercy Maker, Giver of Grace, You call us to discipleship, And though following in Your Way is never easy, We give thanks that we do not go it alone! Hear our thanksgiving today Through the stewardship of our whole lives. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#829

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Old Hundredth Genevan Psalter, 1551

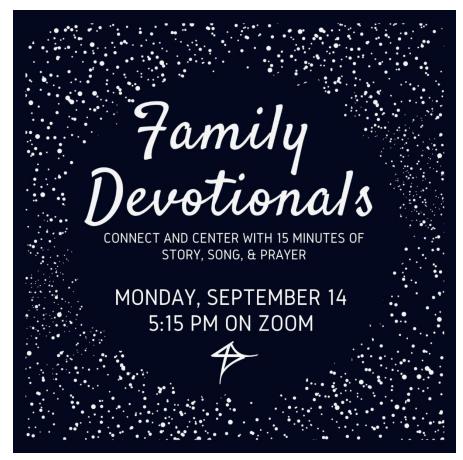
Announcements Concerning Our Lives Together

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!



WAYS TO GIVE...

- 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 <u>this</u> form, then scan and e-mail it to <u>Mary Ann</u> Vaughan.
- Immanuel's 'Text to Give' telephone number is 833-756-0284. Click here for instructions!
- Download the <u>Give Plus app</u> and search for our church to make donations.
- Any checks being mailed should temporarily be mailed to: Mary Ann Vaughan. Please <u>email her</u> for a mailing address. Please make checks payable to Immanuel. Thank you!



Family Devotionals on Zoom - Monday, Sept. 14 at 5:15pm

Center and connect as a family with our 15-minute devotionals, featuring a story, song, and prayer.

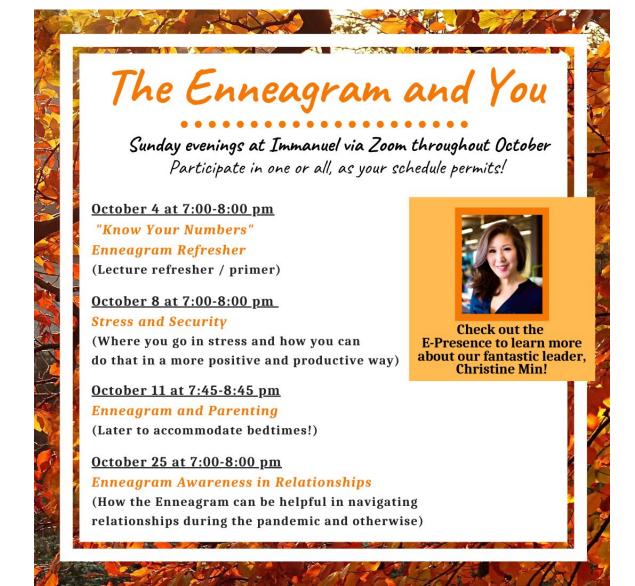
Playground Social - Saturday, September 19 at 3:00pm

The Immanuel playground will be open for kids to play and parents to socialize. Please wear a mask and plan keep social distance. Parents are invited to bring their own lawn chairs

Blessing of the Backpacks - Sunday, September 20 at 2:00pm

Start the school year off right with our outdoor blessing of the backpacks! Bring your backpacks and other COVID-era school supplies for a blessing from Ms. Sarah and Pastors Aaron, Katie, and Billy.

CLICK HERE for more information on upcoming events!



CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO ON "THE ENNEAGRAM & YOU!"



Faith Matters

(via conference cail) 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

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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

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.

Outdoor Worship:

September 15 and 17 at 7:00 p.m.

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