

**Musical Call to Worship*

Hymn 448

Come to the Water

*Spoken Call to Worship***

Christina Crice

(Inspired by Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:4-11, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

The Light of the World

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

A Candle Symbolizing Faith in Jesus Christ

Pastor: Charley: You are part of the universal church. Every Sunday we light the Christ candle. We invite you to light this candle from the Christ candle as a reminder that we are the light of the world. God has called us to be the light and share it. The world needs light. The world needs you. Thank you for saying yes to God. Charley, who is your Lord?

Charley: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Believers in Jesus Christ: Invitation to Remember Your Baptism

Pastor: All believers in Jesus Christ: You are part of the universal church. Every Sunday we light the Christ candle, as a reminder of God's presence and the invitation to be the light of the world. God has called us to be the light and share it. The world needs light. The world needs you. Thank you for saying yes to God. All believers in Jesus Christ: Who is your Lord?

All believers in Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ is Lord.

A Cross

A cross is presented to a candidate as a reminder that Jesus gave his life for us, and that he rose from the dead! We are a resurrection people, and in Jesus we have newness of life. We celebrate newness of life in Charley.

A Bible

Pastor: We pray the written word, the Bible, will lead you to a deeper love for the Living Word, Jesus Christ. Let us go now and celebrate your baptism.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Reading

Melinda Vasseur

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Worship

Malissa Heath, Dale Julian, & Esther Julian

Holy is the Lord

Arr. by Lauren Gadd

BAPTISM OF CHARLEY TRACY

Pastor: Thanks be to God for Charley's baptism.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Children in 2nd grade and under are now dismissed to Children's Worship

**Hymn of Praise*

Hymn 543

Abide with Me

**Presenting Tithes and Gifts*

Offertory Prayer

Lacy Boling

Instrumental Offertory

Malissa Heath, Organ

Blessed Assurance

Arr. by James Denton

**Response*

Old 100th

DOXOLOGY

***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.***

Gospel Reading

Andrea Davis

John 15:1-8

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Adult Choir and Middle School Youth

O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic! (Psalm 8)

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Matt Papa

(Please sing when directed)

O Lord, our Lord, all creation cries the wonders of Your name!

Where mountains rise and where oceans kneel,

all teeming life proclaim with the everlasting song of Your redeeming works,
how vast, how rich, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Proclaiming the Word

Katie McKown

Branching Out



**Responding to Grace*

Hymn 332

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Commission and Benediction**

Katie McKown

Christ sends us forth:

Keep my commandments, abide in my love.

We will go forth in peace and justice!

Love one another, go forth to serve:

We will go forth in love!

Share in Christ's mission, bear fruit that will last:

We will go forth as Christ's friends, rejoicing!

Let us go forth in peace to witness to our community and world,
that Christ is alive!

Amen.

**Departing*

Malissa Heath, Organ

Rigaudon

Hegarty

The scripture readings today are taken from the NRSV Bible.

†Worship Care is available for infants and toddlers through age 3.

*Please stand, as you are able.

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This Week at Immanuel

Sunday, April 28

Christian Education for All Ages..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship/Baptism..... 10:45 a.m.
Baptism Porch Party..... Immediately following Worship
Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30

Body Recall..... 10:00 a.m.
Men's Night Basketball - Gym..... 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1

Bazaar Work Day 1:00 p.m.
Friendship International (Conference Room) 5:45 p.m.
Adult Choir 6:00 p.m.
Adult Handbells 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

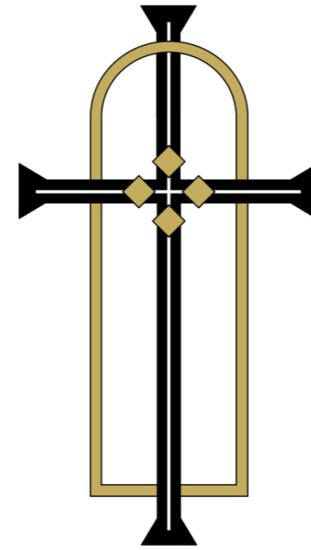
Friendship International (Conference/Commons Rooms)..... 9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 3

Parents' Night Out..... 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 5

Christian Education for All Ages..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:45 a.m.



Immanuel Baptist Church

Gathered for Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Baptism Sunday

April 28, 2024

Reflecting

Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence. It is not what we have to acquire in order to experience life in Christ; it is what comes to us when we are walking in the way of faith and obedience.

We come to God (and to the revelation of God's ways) because none of us have it within ourselves, except momentarily, to be joyous. Joy is a product of abundance; it is the overflow of vitality. It is life working together harmoniously. It is exuberance.

Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Katie McKown

†Preparing our Hearts

Malissa Heath, Organ

Prelude on PISGAH

Arr. by Dale Wood

Keeping Silence and Entering God's Presence

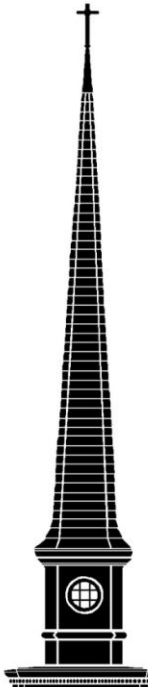
Tim Franklin

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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

You're invited to stay for a front porch party immediately following the service to celebrate Charley's baptism. Please be sure to sign the Bible in the front foyer.



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For more info go to the website.
Contact Beth in the office with any questions.
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