



**IMMANUEL CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST**
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**Welcome to worship at Immanuel United Church of Christ!
God is Still Speaking,**

Thank You for taking the time to turn off your cell phone during the worship service.

Prelude

***Bringing in the Light of Christ**

(* denotes those who are able may stand.)

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor Liz Wilson

Children's Message "Trinity"

Pastor Liz Wilson

***Call to Worship**

Ken Martin, Liturgist

One: How majestic is God's name in all the earth! We see God's glory in the expanse of the heavens.

Many: All plants and animals are God's creation. All that God has made reflects God's goodness.

One: We are created in God's image, to relate to God. We receive great abundance and care from our Creator.

Many: God blesses us day by day with good things. We are given dominion over the works of God.

One: Gather to praise God and greet one another. Celebrate all the ways God is revealed to us.

Many: We worship the Creator and Sustainer of all things. We rejoice in Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit.

Invocation

Pastor Liz Wilson

Triune God, known to us in more ways than we can count, we marvel at the mystery of life, and wonder at your attention to our lives. As we ponder the vast expanse of space, we are fascinated by distances too extensive to understand. The times we have measured are a tiny ripple in your eternity. Yet you have honored this planet by revealing yourself in the life and ministry of Jesus and the empowerment of your Holy Spirit. Let us experience your presence in this time of worship. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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(Please remain standing for the Prayer of Confession)

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 * 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

My God, have mer - cy on me.

* "Share the cup" may be substituted for "drink wine."

The earliest version of this spiritual probably began with the current stanza three, and was a song some of the enslaved in Virginia used when gathering for secret meetings. The continuation stanzas were added some time after the Civil War.

Tune: LET US BREAK BREAD
 1910, with refrain
 Harp. David Ford, 1985

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Pastor Liz Wilson

Amazing God, the more we learn of your creation the more we are filled with awe and wonder. Yet, our vision narrows to our limited concerns, and we forget the immense reaches of the stewardship to which you appoint us. We have not taken good care of this tiny spaceship, Earth, which is our home. We have not cared well for one another as sisters and brothers. Our doubts outweigh our obedience. O God, help us fulfill our baptism and claim our discipleship, as forgiven and forgiving sinners. Amen.

Words of Assurance

We are created in the image of God and are blessed with the capacity to reflect God's will in our daily lives. God cares for us and invests us with responsibility. Thus God honors us with high expectations and confidence in our willingness to seek out life's best for all people. We are loved. We are forgiven. Our baptism is renewed.

The Congregation Prays

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Ken Martin, Liturgist

Congregational Response: "Lord hear our prayers." (Response after each Prayer request)

Silent Meditation

The Lord's Prayer: (use words most comfortable for you)

Ken Martin, Liturgist

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1:1-2:4

Ken Martin, Liturgist

Pages 1 & 2 Old Testament

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Page 186 New Testament

Matthew 28:16-20

Page 34 New Testament

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Liz Wilson

God of all creation, whose attention focused on the earth in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and whose gift of the Holy Spirit has empowered Christ's disciples through the years, may our worship unite the saints in mutual caring, that our witness to the world may reflect the grace of Jesus Christ, your love for all humankind, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sermon: "Trinity"

Pastor Liz Wilson

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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***Hymn: "Come Now Almighty God"**

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Stewardship Message

Announcements

(Be sure to read about up-coming events in the back of the bulletin.)

Offering:

Offertory

1000. English, c. 1757; alt.

1 Come now, Al - might - y God, help us your
 2 Come now, In - car - nate Word, by heaven and
 3 Come. Ho - ly Com - fort - er. your sa - cred
 4 To you, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to laud; our songs we raise:
 earth a - dored; our prayer at - tend:
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour,
 prais - es be for ev - er - more.

Rul - er all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come and your peo - ple bless, and give your word suc - cess;
 Your grace to us im - part, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Your sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
 grant us your ho - li - ness, Sav - ior and Friend!
 nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

This anonymous English hymn to the Trinity was first published in George Whitefield's Collection, 1737. This tune was composed especially for this text by Giardini, who was a brilliant violinist.

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.
 Felice de Giardini, 1769

***Doxology:** (The tune is found on page 356 of your red hymnal.)

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW...

PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW...

PRAISE GOD, ABOVE, YOU HEAVENLY HOST...

CREATOR, CHRIST AND HOLY GHOST...AMEN.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

Pastor Liz Wilson

Amid our doubts and the temptation to grab life's blessings for our own personal use, we come to dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to realize your reign on earth, majestic God. As we enjoy your bounty, we give that all our sisters and brothers might also come to appreciate the amazing gifts you entrust to us. Thank you for life and all its wonders. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Insert

*The Light of Christ goes into the world

***Blessing:**

Pastor Liz Wilson

One: Go out to tell the world that God cares. Celebrate the gift of life and all its possibilities.

Many: We are awed by God's vast creation. We are amazed at how God honors us.

One: God has given us stewardship over creation. We are given the care of every living thing.

Many: Land, sea, and air are ours to enjoy. All are entrusted to our careful watch.

One: Generations before us have passed on God's gift. Generations to follow depend on our faithfulness.

Many: We pray for insight and generosity to save this legacy. We seek to live in peace and love with everyone.

***Postlude**

*We scatter to serve******

Join together for refreshments in Fellowship

Immanuel Open and Affirming Statement:

We welcome and affirm all people in celebrating diversity. We welcome to our faith family people of every race, age, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability and those who have doubts or questions.

In Worship and Service Today

Ministry Message: Pastor Liz Wilson

Liturgist: Ken Martin

Choir Director: Ken Martin

Accompanist: Ann McKinley

Our Tech team: Tammy & Ken Martin, Eric Schuette,
Larry Douglas, and David Ollie-Ray

Floral Arrangements: A gift created by Amy Wilson

Ministers: All the Immanuel Church faith community

Christian Ed Director: Danielle Willcock

Sunday School: Amy Wilson

Church Officers & Staff

Moderator: Justin Willcock

Vice Moderator: Ken Martin

Treasurer: Art Nagasaki

Council Secretary: Janet Caporale

Clerk: Suzanne Spiker

Church Secretary & Custodian: Sue Molczyk

Building and Grounds Chair: Paul Good

Maintenance: Paul Good

For Pastoral Needs call: Pastor Elizabeth Wilson Cell 1-248-379-3521

Treasury notice will be eliminated for few weeks until there's something to report(\$). Please remember to send tithe even though we are all sitting at home. (Support your church!) Thank you to those who sent their envelopes! Please remember us as we go thru this difficult time. Call each other! Send notes! Send a prayer. Send jokes. Let's stay in close communication. And be Safe! Love you all! Pastor Liz

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AN INVITATION

One: (raising the bread) This is the bread we have offered;
With thankful hearts we have blessed it,
With open hands, come and receive it.

All: Amen.

One: (raising the cup) This cup is full; like our hearts
It overflows with a Christ for justice,
Come and drink from it.

All: Amen. With open hands and hearts overflowing, we come.

AN OFFERTORY

If there is divine spark that is in me, let it flame; that I might be consumed for peace.
If there is anything holy that is in me, let it be as breath; that I might carry it lightly.
If there is any wisdom that is in me, let it cry out; that justice be heard in my speaking.
If there is any love that is in me, let it sing; that love might be the song of my heart.
If any of these gifts be found in me, let them bring life; fill all of me, and become my offering.

BE A BLESSING

Lit us: Take care of this world, it is a gift to us
Find love in all people, they share it with us
Make peace unconditionally, all life depends on it
And be a blessing. Always. Amen.

--Erice Fairbrother, Aotearoa, /New Zealand