



**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.)

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor Liz Wilson

Children's Message "Sarah Laughed"

Pastor Liz Wilson

***Call to Worship**

Ken Martin, Liturgist

One: Come, walk with God in these moments of worship. Celebrate God's covenant with us and all humankind.

Many: Surely God is in this place today. We find refuge and strength as we gather.

One: Be still and know that God is God. All our names for God are limited metaphors.

Many: The Most High lives in us and among us. The whole universe is God's dwelling place

One: All people on earth are God's concern. Those who do the will of God will experience God's realm.

Many: We have come to hear what God would have us do. We seek the courage to do what God intends.

Invocation

Pastor Liz Wilson

Teach us your word in this hour. Faithful God, for we want to communicate your truth to our children and their children. We want to follow your commandments, to love you with all our hearts. We intend to walk in the ways you set before us. Preserve us, we pray, and grant us courage to face each day's challenges. Help us to live by faith and to serve with abiding trust. Amen.

***Hymn:** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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(Please remain standing for the Prayer of Confession)

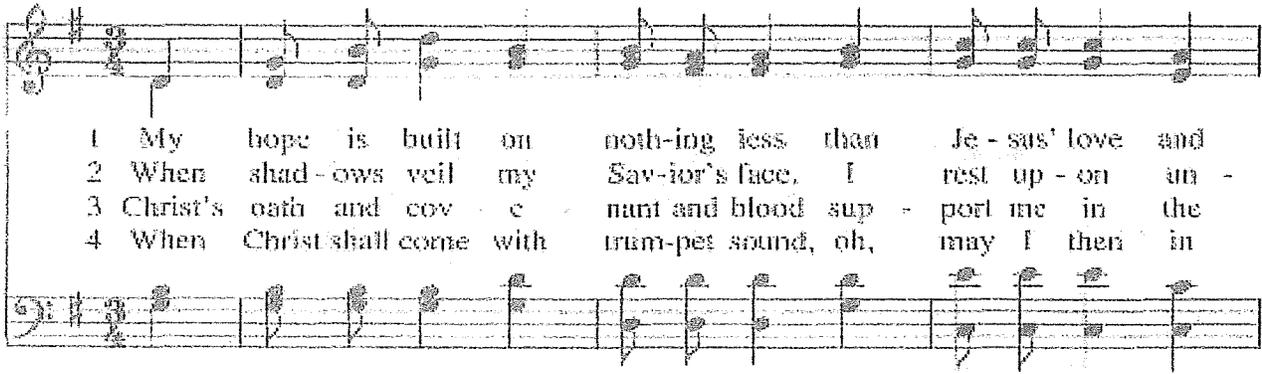
Unison Prayer of Confession:

Pastor Liz Wilson

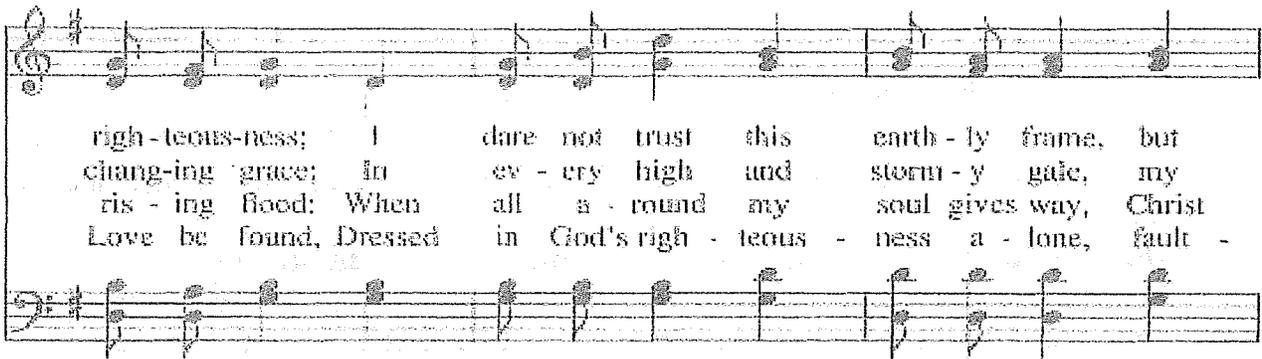
We admit, O God, that we have seldom claimed the full power of the gospel. Rather we have been ashamed to speak of the good news in various settings of our lives. We join ourselves to earth's corruption, rather than risking a protest. We battle one another rather than daring to be peacemakers. We give little thought to your law and fail to teach them to our children. False pride keeps us from complete trust in you. Help us find release from the limits we place on ourselves. Amen.

Matt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 6:19; Rev. 11:15

Edward Mote, c. 1834; alt.

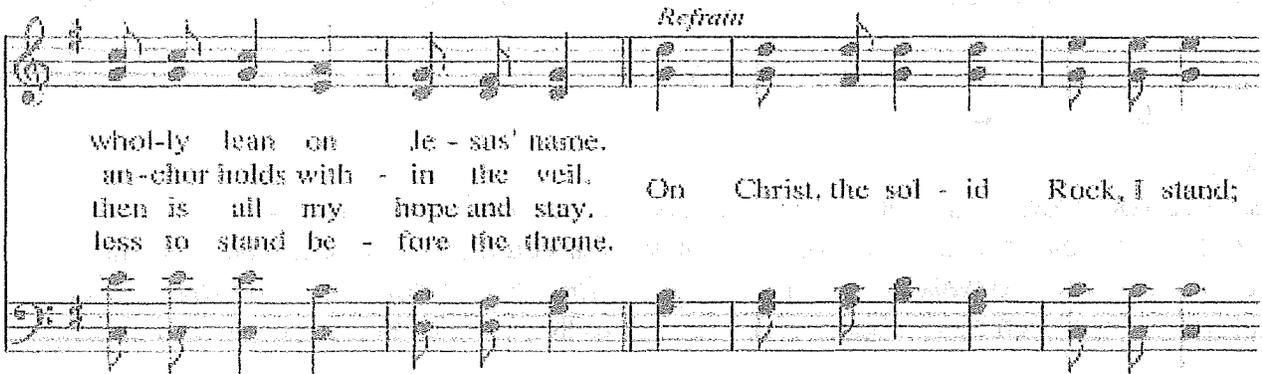


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and
 2 When a-had - caws veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on an -
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the
 4 When Christ shall come with tram - pet sound, oh, may I then in

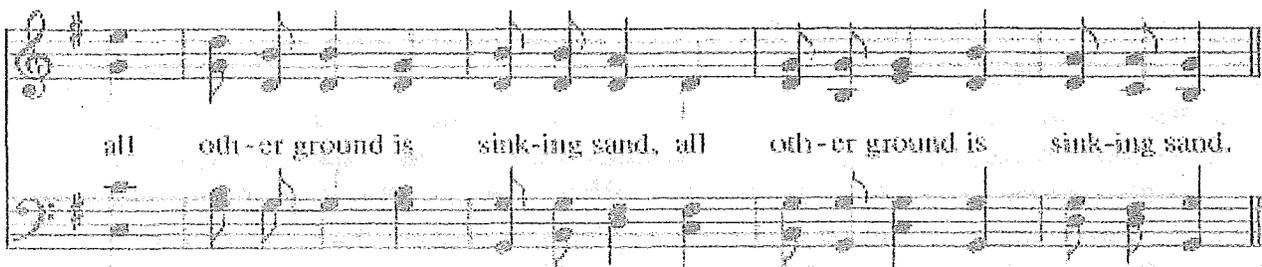


righteous-ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 ris - ing flood: When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ
 Love be found, Dressed in God's right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.



all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

William Bradbury met great success by composing hymn tunes and religious songs in a lively, popular style. He also helped establish music programs in New York public schools, served a church, and co-founded a piano company.

Tune: SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain
 William B. Bradbury, 1863

Words of Assurance

Amid vicious gossip, God is our protection. God is a shelter and refuge, a very present help in trouble. We need not fear the changes all around us for God is in the midst of them. We are in covenant with the One whose grace is sufficient for all our need. Jesus Christ draws us into oneness with God. We are justified by faith, and good works will follow.

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 18:1-15

Ken Martin, Liturgist

Page 14 Old Testament

Romans 5:1-8

Page 155 New Testament

Matthew 9:35-10:23

Pages 9 & 10 New Testament

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Liz Wilson

God of law and grace, who shared our common lot in Jesus Christ, we are drawn to your righteousness, believing that you will justify us and lead us to a wholeness that is freeing to us and attractive to others who need the good news of the gospel. Unite us in love for you and one another, that your will might find life in us and in all we meet. Amen.

Sermon: "Sarah Laughed"

Pastor Liz Wilson

STATEMENT OF FAITH

***Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

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Stewardship Message

Announcements

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

Offering:

Offertory

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

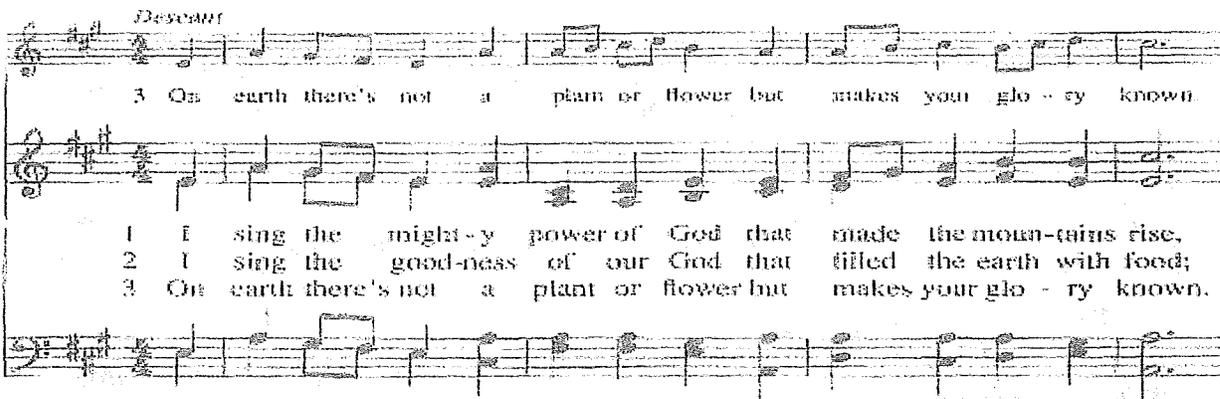
PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW...

PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW...

PRAISE GOD, ABOVE, YOU HEAVENLY HOST...

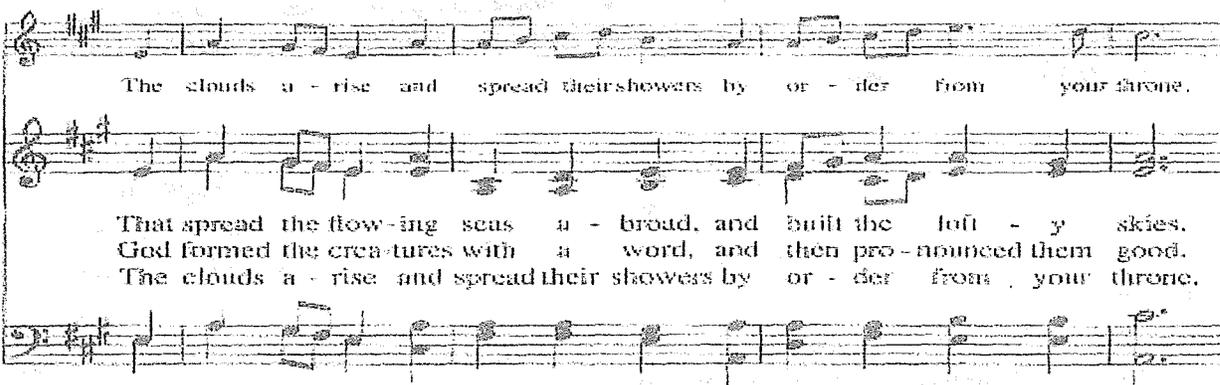
CREATOR, CHRIST AND HOLY GHOST...AMEN.

Descant



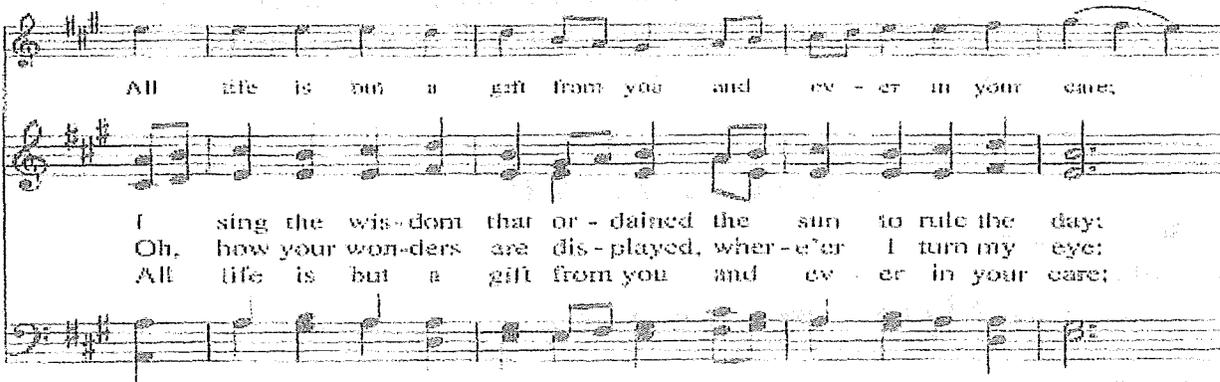
3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
 3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.



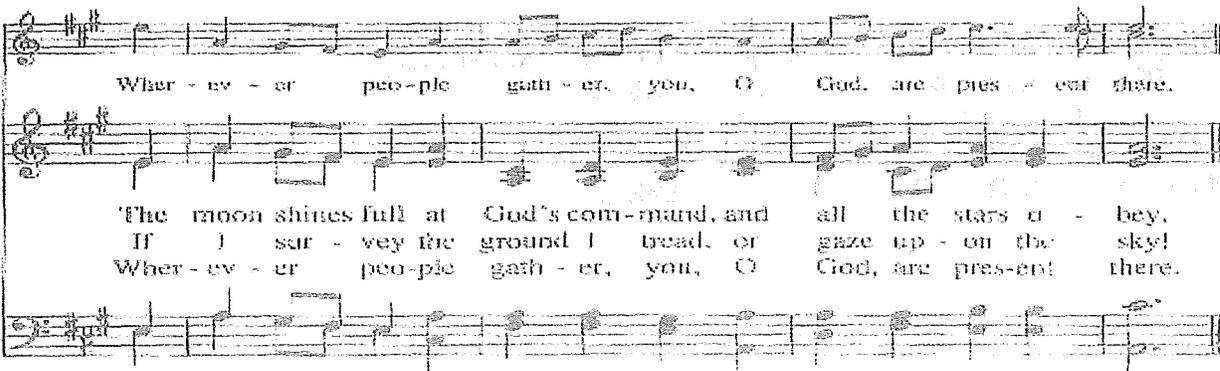
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
 God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.



All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Oh, how your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye;
 All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;



Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars a - bey,
 If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

The tune Ellacombe was named for a place in Devonshire, England. It was first published in a collection of notes used in the private chapel of the Duke of Württemberg, and was probably sung with the text "Ave Maria, Köln".

As Christ sacrificed all personal gain for the sake of others, we venture little sacrifices to support the ministries of the church. O God, we have experienced your blessing when we give, so our most generous efforts do not seem a sacrifice. We give that your will might be done, and when it is, all of us benefit. Multiply, we pray, the power of these gifts to do the good you intend. Accept our efforts to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn: "Immortal Invisible God Only Wise"**

*The Light of Christ goes into the world

***Blessing:**

One: Commit to memory the laws and promises of God. Share them with your children and your neighbors.

Many: God had richly blessed us. Our God has high expectations of us.

One: God listens to our prayers and saves us. God seeks this relationship with all our friends.

Many: We want the gospel to come alive in us. We will share the good news in some new way.

One: Build lives of faithfulness to Gods will. Then the storms of life will not destroy you.

Many: The authority of Christ is our foundation. We trust God's revelation in Jesus Christ.

Amen: Amen

***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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
not wast - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do;

at - night - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise,
your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love,
then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers,
in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIS 11.11.1.11.
Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' *Christaeth y Cytzer*, 1839