

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 2, 2020

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Air ‘Second Movement form Orchestral Suite No. 3
in D. Major, BMV No. 1068

By J. S. Bach

Joyce Harris

WELCOME

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God meets us in our greatest need
and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

PEOPLE: In gratitude, let us worship our God.

GATHERING PRAYER

**Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us
to reach out to all who hunger for what only you can give.**

**Keep our feet in your paths and bless us to multiply blessings to others,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN #43 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe your loving spirit, into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 #16 “Let Us with a Joyful Mind”

*Let us with a joyful mind praise our God forever kind,
Rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure*

*Creatures of the sea and land, all fed by God’s own hand,
Rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 14: 13-21

SERMON “Miraculous Multiplying Ministry” Rev. Merlyn Lawrence

HYMN #321 “Break Now the Bread of Life”

*Break now the bread of life, Savior to me,
As you once broke the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord;
My spirit yearns for you, O Living Word.*

*Bless now the truth, dear Christ, to me to me,
As you once blessed the bread at Galilee;
There shall all bondage cease, all shackles fall,
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of Dedication

**Loving and generous God, you provide for us
and even bless us in more ways than we can number.**

**We give these tithes and offerings
to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love
so that those who do not yet know you
may also come to your love. Amen.**

HYMN #502 “Dear God, Embracing Humankind”

*Dear God, embracing humankind, forgive our foolish ways;
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives your service find
In deeper reverence, praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of your word,
Let us like them by spirit stirred,
Rise up and followers be.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccato” Joyce Harris
By Jose Antonio Carlos de Seixas

Special Thanks to All the Participants in Today’s Online Service

*Joyce Harris: Organist,
Pastor Merlyn Lawrence: Senior Pastor
Dr. Oliver Lawrence (Videographer)*