

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Siciliana” by William Walond

Joyce Harris

WELCOME

Please note that next week, God willing, we will meet at 9:30am for our Sunday worship Service in the parking lot of our church. You are invited to bring your noisy offering (loose change) that you have been collecting all summer, along.

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God speaks peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

PEOPLE: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

LEADER: Where God dwells,
steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**PEOPLE: Faithfulness springs up from the ground
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise!**

GATHERING PRAYER

**Holy God, you speak to us in a voice unexpected
and come to us in ways we do not recognize.
Never leaving us to our own devices or defenses,
you are the ever-present, all-powerful God.
Call us out in faith again and again,
until we learn to walk with you
in steadfast love and faithfulness, and in peace.
In the name of him who comes to us upon the waters,
Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN #86 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, one purpose I declare:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this eternal song, through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

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 #505

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Maker's throne
Let all my needs and wants be known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
by your return, sweet hour of prayer!*

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for your return
With them I hasten to the place
Where I know my Savior's face,
And gladly take my station there,
And wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14: 22-33

SERMON

“Time Apart”

Rev. Merlyn Lawrence

HYMN #441

“Jesus, Savior Pilot Me”

Jesus, Savior pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;

*Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass ever be; Jesus, Savior pilot me.*

*As a mother stills her child, you can hush an ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey your will, when you say to them, "Be still."
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior pilot me.*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives.
Because there is so much more we can become,
and so much more we can do,
we pray that our faith will increase;
that our practice of generosity will be enlarged;
and that our joy in believing will encourage others
as we share with them the good news of Jesus Christ;
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #172

"Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea;
Day by day that voice calls us, saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"I Will Lift Up Your Name"

Joyce Harris

By Steve Angrisano and Tom Yomaszek

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

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