

**IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

□ - indicates standing for those who are able to rise in body or spirit)

**PRELUDE**

“The Summons” Joyce Harris

**WELCOME**

**LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: O Lord, our God,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**PEOPLE: You have set your glory above the heavens.**

LEADER: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

**PEOPLE: Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**Rock of Israel and cornerstone of our common life,  
you are not bound by our visions, our structures, our doctrine.  
We cannot predict your coming or going,  
yet you have given us your story, your family, your work to do.  
Meet us here.  
Shape us for service in your world,  
for we carry the name of Jesus  
and live by the power of your breath. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN#420** “We Praise You, O God”

*We praise you, o God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

*We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;  
Through life’s storms and tempest our guide you have been.*

*When perils o'er take us, you never forsake us,  
And with your help, O God, in life's struggles we win.*

## **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** #500

“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

*We are climbing Jacob’s ladder,  
We are climbing Jacob’s ladder,  
We are climbing Jacob’s ladder,  
Bearers of the cross.*

*Rise, shine, give God glory,  
Rise, shine, give God glory,  
Rise, shine, give God glory,  
Bearers of the cross.*

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 28: 10-19a

**SERMON**

“Encountering God in Unexpected Places”

Rev. Merlyn Lawrence

**HYMN**#112 CH

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

*We Are Standing on Holy Ground,  
And I know there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now,  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.  
(Repeat)*

## **OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Gracious Creator,  
you have laced our lives with blessing.  
As we present these offerings,  
we also tender our lives.  
Make us your bold and faithful people,  
willing to go forward in faith wherever  
you would lead us,  
that we might be a comfort in the world.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
by the gift of your empowering Spirit. Amen.**

**HYMN#76**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

*Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling place leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God’s realm and to answer the call.*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Invention No. 10, BWV 781”  
By J. S. Bach

Joyce Harris

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

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