

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 7, 2020

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR MUSIC MINISTRIES

Music Director: Jeff Behling

Organist: Joan Chasanov

PRELUDE

“Prelude in C Major”

Joan Chasanov

By J. S. Bach

WELCOME

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**PEOPLE: Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

LEADER: Know that the LORD is God.

**PEOPLE: It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

PEOPLE: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

LEADER: For the LORD is good;

**PEOPLE: His steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy, Creating, Creative God,

We sing from the depths of our sorrow.

We sing from the abundance of our joy.

We sing in voices separate and unique.

We sing with one voice as your body.

May the words of our mouths,

whether in speech or song, and the meditations of our hearts,

whether in prose or poetry, be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #561 “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

*When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!*

*How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SOLO “The Lord’s Prayer” Jeff Behling
By Albert Kay Malotte

SCRIPTURE Psalm 150

SERMON “Let Every Thing that has Breath
Praise the Lord!” Rev. Merlyn Lawrence

MEDLEY OF HYMNS
(Favorites of Jeff Behling and Joan Chasanov)

HYMN #372 “God, You Have Set Us”

*God, you have set us in this time and place,
Called us as stewards of your love and grace,
O keep us faithful, set our souls afire,
And by your Spirit all our work inspire.*

HYMN #591 “This Is My Song”

*This Is My Song, O God of all the Nations,
A song for peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

SOLO “You Raise Me Up with Be Still My Soul” Jeff Behling

HYMN #35

“O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder”

*O mighty God, when I survey in wonder
The world that formed when once the word you said,
The strands of life all woven close together,
The whole creation at your table fed,
My soul cries out in songs of praise to you,
O mighty God! O mighty God!
My soul cries out in songs of praise to you,
O mighty God! O mighty God!*

HYMN #381

“Faith of the Martyrs”

*Faith of the martyrs, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
o how our hearts beat high with joy,
when we recall their faiths reward:
Faith of our martyrs, living faith!
We would be true in life and death*

RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE FOR MUSIC MINISTRIES OF

Jeff Behling: Music Director at Immanuel for 23 years
Joan Chasanov: Organist at Immanuel for 40 years

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation to Generosity

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God,

**Bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger,
who hurt, who seek new hope.**

**We pray for world peace, for liberty to those who are oppressed,
for joy to those who are weary.**

**We dedicate our lives and all we have
to the work of life, of love and of peace.**

Receive these our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen

HYMN #472

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”
By Gordon Young

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

*Andy Dudeck (Liturgist)
Jeff Behling (Soloist)
Joan Chasanov (Organist,
Dr. Oliver Lawrence (Videographer)
Pastor Merlyn Lawrence (Senior Pastor)*