

**IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

November 1, 2020

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE**

“The Summons”  
Traditional Scottish Melody

Joyce Harris

**WELCOME**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP\***

**LEADER:** The psalmist sings:  
O send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling.

**PEOPLE:** **Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy;  
and I will praise you with the harp,  
O God, my God.**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**Merciful and faithful God,  
you sent to us the true Messiah  
who teaches us the ways of the righteous  
and brings us into your presence,  
forgiven and restored.**

**Open our hearts, our ears, our minds  
to your nourishment by word and  
sacrament that we might willingly obey and believe;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN #575**

“O for a World”

*Noisy offering will go toward Thanksgiving Baskets*

*O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, and equality achieved.*

**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 #295**

**“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”**

*I sing a song of the saints of God,  
.... faithful their whole lives through,  
Who bravely labored, lived  
and died for the God they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen  
and another a shepherd in pastures green:  
They were saints of God, if you know what I mean.  
God help me to be one, too.*

*They loved their God and they lived that love.  
It was loving that made them strong.  
They did what was right, for Jesus' sake,  
lived justly their whole lives long.  
And one was a prophet and one was a priest,  
and another was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
there is no earthly reason, none in the least,  
why I shouldn't be one, too.*

**SCRIPTURE**

Philippians 2:1-13

Liturgist: Terry Jones

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always

obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**SERMON**

“Make My Joy Complete”

Rev. Merlyn Lawrence

**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 on.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.*

### **ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE**

*Ulysses (Fuzzy) Grantham*

*Alma Marie Jones*

*James Lee Dixon*

*Donna F Heller*

*Larry Lawbaugh*

*Norma Holm*

*Donald Heller*

*Christie Corona*

*Elayne Young*

*Barbara Linos*

*225,000+ COVID19 Deaths*

*Remembering those unnamed – whom we hold in our hearts*

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

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory:**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy God, through these gifts, you nourish us.  
You create and sustain our bodies and minds  
and all the creatures and elements of earth  
that enable us to move and grow.  
With these gifts, we turn our lives toward the  
needs of your people and all in want.  
Bless what we offer, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**HYMN #376**

**“God, We Thank You for Our People”**

*God, we thank you for our people,  
Roots dug deep within the soil.  
Hardy spirits, rich in loving,  
strong for struggle, bold for toil.  
Faithful Rock of generations,  
you whom parents' parents praised:*

*Here is hope as we remember  
may our song to you be raised.*

*Thank you, God for gentle pleasure:  
Lessons learned and secrets told,  
Hope and memories saved as treasure,  
Passed to younger ones by the old,  
Pranks and glories, songs and stories,  
food by loving hands prepared  
God, we bless you for your presence  
in our tears and laughter shared.*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”  
Ludwig Van Beethoven**

Joyce Harris

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

<i>Joyce Harris</i>	<i>Organist/ Pianist</i>
<i>Terry Jones</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>
<i>Sandy Rusnack</i>	<i>Bell Ringer</i>
<i>Dr. Oliver Lawrence</i>	<i>Videographer</i>
<i>Rev. Merlyn Lawrence</i>	<i>Senior Pastor</i>