# WELCOME!

❖ Welcome! We are glad that you have come to First Immanuel this morning to worship God. We welcome people of every race, ethnic background, social status, physical limitation, sexual orientation and gender identity. We are a Reconciling In Christ congregation. Together, in our diversity, we seek to embrace the love God offers us in Jesus Christ.

# MASKS OPTIONAL

♦ Our worship services and all activities are mask-optional. Those who wish to wear a mask are welcome to do so, since this is a very effective way to prevent infection. The church continues to provide masks, run air purifiers, and make hand sanitizer available, and our caring FILC physicians continue to encourage vaccination for everyone.

## HOLY COMMUNION

❖ You are invited to receive God's gifts of forgiveness and new life in Christ at God's table of Holy Communion. We are prepared and worthy to receive the sacrament when we come with a believing heart, trusting that God's love is for us.

## **NURSERY**

♦ We encourage children to participate with their families in the worship service. We have a changing table and nursing area downstairs. Please ask an usher for directions.

# PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT & THE FESTIVAL OF ST. PATRICK HOLY COMMUNION

17 March 2024

# **GATHERING**

GATHERING MUSIC "Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott"

J.S. Bach, comp.

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

\* CALL TO WORSHIP "As the Sun with Longer Journey" ELW 329 (red book)

1. As the sun with longer journey melts the winter's snow and ice, with its slowly growing radiance warms the seed beneath the earth, may the sun of Christ's uprising gently bring our hearts to life.

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#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

READ

Pastor: During the season of Lent, we are called to return to God with all our heart.

Therefore let us be honest with ourselves and with God as we prepare to worship.

Silence for reflection and self-examination...

Pastor: Gracious God,

People: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life.

Amen

Pastor: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the

death and resurrection of Christ, \( \mathbb{F} \) God forgives us all our sins. Almighty

God, strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen

\* Please stand as you are able.

# OPENING HYMN "Awake, O Sleeper"

**ELW 452** (*red book*)

- 1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light; so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2. To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release, to give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.
- 4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save; with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.
- For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
   Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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#### \* APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of

the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

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# \* THE KYRIE

**SING: P. 138, ELW** (*red book*)

Assistant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Assistant: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Assistant: For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and

for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Assistant: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us

pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Assistant: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen

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#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our

imaginations, shape our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through

our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

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CHOIR ANTHEM "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" G.F

G.F. Handel, comp.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law because God will write it on their hearts.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**SING: P. 142, ELW** (*red book*)

Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, O God.

\* THE GOSPEL John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of our God.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF THE DAY

THE SERMON

"O Christ the Same"

 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears; eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,

unchanging still amid the passing years:

O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring our thanks

for all our yesterdays.

2. O Christ the same,
the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts,
the secrets none can hide;
still as of old
upon your body bearing
the marks of love

in triumph glorified:

O Son of Man, who
stooped for us from heaven—
O Prince of life,
in all your saving power;
O Christ the same,
who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks
for this the present hour.

**Pastor Scott Dunfee** 

3. O Christ the same,
secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves,
our days and years remain;
our work and rest,
our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm,
our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love,

for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee; O Christ the same,

beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: As we seek in this Lenten time to grow in our faith, let us pray for the church,

the world, and all those in need.

After each petition...

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy, People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude...

Receive our prayers, O merciful God, and lead us in your way of life. Pastor:

People: Amen

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. People:

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GATHERING OF GIFTS "Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen" J.S. Bach, comp.

SETTING THE TABLE

**ELW 186** (*red book*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.

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Assistant: Let us pray. Gracious God,

we come to your table with gifts of heart and hand. Fill us with your love People: so that our lives may bear fruit for your world; through Jesus Christ our

Savior. Amen

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#### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SING: P. 144, ELW (red book)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your boarts

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory....

...to whom be honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER READ

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good. Welcome to the Lord's table.

All are welcome at Christ's table, where the risen Christ is present to strengthen us to share in God's loving purposes for the world. The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. The glasses in the center of the communion tray contain grape juice for those who wish it. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor. To receive a pastoral blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply fold your hands.

# LAMB OF GOD SING: P. 146 ELW (red book)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN 1

#### "Broken in Love"

This is my body, broken in love; take it and eat and remember me. This is my blood, poured out in love; take it and drink and remember me. For love is willing ev'ry day to die in order to live, and love is patient for a way to share the gifts that I give.

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#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN 2

#### "One Bread, One Body"

**ELW 496** (*red book*)

#### Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

#### Refrain

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

#### Refrain

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#### Refrain

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN 3

# "Here Is Bread"

**ELW 483** (*red book*)

 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

#### Refrain:

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here.

#### Refrain

3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.

#### Refrain

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#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN 4 "Jes

# "Jesus, Remember Me"

**ELW 616** (*red book*)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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#### \* BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of Christ's body and blood

strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

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#### \* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Compassionate God,

People: your Son welcomed sinners and ate with them. We give you thanks for

the forgiveness and grace we have received in this meal. Make us signs of your love, that all the world may know your mercy and blessing; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# **SENDING**

#### \* BENEDICTION

Pastor: May Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer ★ and Sustainer, bless you and keep

you, now and forever.

People: Amen

# \* CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ELW 547 (red book)

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom

and answer your call.

to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday
life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children,
the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one
in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ
and his name that we bear.

2. With praise and thanksgiving

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#### \* SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Jesu, meine Freude"

J.S. Bach, comp.

You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for prayer.

The front section of our worship area is dedicated as quiet prayer space following the close of worship. God be with you.

# FIRST IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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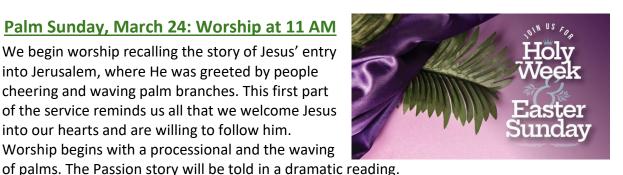
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# Palm Sunday, March 24: Worship at 11 AM

We begin worship recalling the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where He was greeted by people cheering and waving palm branches. This first part of the service reminds us all that we welcome Jesus into our hearts and are willing to follow him. Worship begins with a processional and the waving



# Maundy Thursday, March 28: Worship at 7 PM

The word "Maundy" is a shorter form of the Latin word mandatum, meaning "command." On Thursday of Christ's final week before his crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and shared a Passover supper. Jesus commanded his disciples by saying, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus' act of kneeling before his disciples to wash their feet was an extraordinary display of humility. In the same way, you and a partner are invited to come forward to symbolically wash each other's feet or hands during worship. One of the pastors will be available if you wish to participate but need a partner.

# Good Friday, March 29: Worship at 7 PM

This day has traditionally been observed as a day of sorrow, penance and fasting. It is the day we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus and His death on the cross at Calvary. For us, it is a day of powerful mourning and reflection as we contemplate the meaning of Christ's death. Good Friday is also a day of hope and new beginnings. We are reminded that even in the gravest of times, there is hope. Jesus' death on a cross was not the end, but a beginning, the beginning of something new. Join us for this solemn Tenebrae service.

# Easter Sunday, March 31: Worship at 11 AM

"Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal Ruler, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness."

The Proclamation of Easter. On this joyous day, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Enjoy a light breakfast in Fellowship Hall starting at 9:30, and the children's egg hunt at 10:30. Festive worship includes Choir, instrumental musicians, and the "Hallelujah Chorus"—if you'd like to sing Handel's great masterpiece, join them in the choir loft right after Holy Communion (music is provided). We will also construct the Cross of Flowers this day. Bring a blossom or two to help fill it with beauty.

# Note: For live links, please see our weekly e-news or website

# Planning a simple Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

Please join your FILC friends for a continental Easter breakfast anytime from 9:30-10:45 AM in Fellowship Hall on March 31. We are keeping it simple this year with a light breakfast of baked goods, eggs, bagels, fruit, coffee, juice—and great company. If you can help with food or setup/cleanup, please contact Tammy VanDeGrift (tammy.vandegrift@gmail.com). At 10:30 AM, rain or shine, children are invited to



participate in the Easter egg hunt. We hope to see you for these gatherings before the Easter worship service.

—FILC Congregational Life Team



# Help Decorate the Sanctuary with Easter Lilies

If you'd like to donate Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please be in touch with Kevin Kindschuh or look for the signup sheet today in Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

# Lenten Midweek Worship Holden Evening Prayer, Thursday at 6:30 PM

Join us as we gather at church this Thursday evening at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary for our last **Holden Evening Prayer** service this Lenten season. Pastor Christine and Pastor Scott will share readings on the theme of



"Transitions in Our Lives." Please join us in person (Zoom is unavailable).



wait to see you!

# Kids and Youth Sunday School! Join us at 10 AM

Join us at 10 AM for friends, fun and learning! In April and May, we'll meet on the first and third Sundays (April 7 and 21, May 5 and 19). We have two classes: a youth group and a class for the younger kids. Can't

# Putt Putt Golf and Popcorn to Support Our Youth! Sunday, April 7, following worship

Join us during coffee hour following worship on April 7 for a round or two of Putt Putt Golf on the famous course constructed by mini-golf course mastermind James Bash. The course includes a working windmill, sand traps, water hazards, and artificial turf! Yummy snacks will be on the table, including Pastor Christine's FAMOUS Chocolate Chip Cookies. A dozen cookies will go home with the golfer who scores lowest.



A free will offering will support our youth who are going to the National Youth Gathering in July.

"Other than speed and direction, it was a good putt!" Anonymous



# Be a Lift UP Souper-Hero!

Join the League of Souper-Heroes! Recent winter storms have highlighted the critical need for basic nourishment like soup in our community. A single can of soup is more than a meal; it's a gesture of warmth and care toward those who need it most. Your generosity is the superpower that fuels this mission. Beyond just feeding the hungry, it provides hope, nourishment, and a sense of community.

**Canned Soups:** Brimming with nutrition and variety **Boxed Soups:** Perfect for sharing and easy to store

**Low-Sodium Soups:** For healthier options **Ramen Cups:** For a quick, comforting fix

Bring your soup donations to the basket at FILC church entrance, or donate online at Lift

Urban Portland...every \$10 equals five cans of soup. Thanks for your support!

# First Immanuel YouTube Recordings

Have you visited our FILC YouTube channel? Most every week our worship services are recorded and posted on YouTube for viewing at any time. It's a whole new frontier of outreach!



#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 51:1-12

or Psalm 119:9-16

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he

learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

#### GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47].

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