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Sunday Morning — May 26, 2019

Order of Worship

MEDITATION: *Elizabeth Gilbert*
"There's always another level up. There's always another ascension. More grace, more light, more generosity, more compassion, more to shed, more to grow."

BELL OF WORSHIP

The Light of Christ is brought into the sanctuary
to remind us that he is present.

PRELUDE: *Trumpet Voluntary on "Rejoice, the Lord is King"* Barr

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP:
(*Please stand if you are able.) *By Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*
One: Those who love Jesus keep his words;
All: Those who love Christ will make their home with God.
One: Those who know Jesus will know his peace;
All: Those who know Jesus will be taught in the ways of peace.
One: Come, follow and love Jesus our Lord, who has come to be among us.
All: Come, worship God, who lives among us, loves us, and calls us home. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: *God of Our Fathers* 419 (1,2,3)

*UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH (back of hymnal)
*GLORIA PATRI 805
CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (Announcements)
(Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it along your pew.)

PASTORAL PRAYER/MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE:
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: *O God of Every Nation* 422 (1,4)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY: *Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious* Ryan
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: DOXOLOGY
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Deep River*

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14: 23-29

SERMON: All Together Now
(A Story Based on an Old Tradition from the Desert Fathers of the Christian Faith)

*CLOSING PRAYER *Ascension Day Litany by Christine Sine*
One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours—
All: a world in which justice does come for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.
One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed—

All: a community that loves and cares for all members, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where all find a place of belonging.
One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun—
All: all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.
One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, God's new world has begun.
All: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, we pray the words he taught us, saying:
Our father....
*THE LORD'S PRAYER (front cover of hymnal)
*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN: *He Keeps Me Singing*
1. There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low:
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,
in all of life's ebb and flow.

Refrain:
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing,
keeps me singing as I go.

2. Though sometimes he leads through waters deep,
trials fall across the way,
though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
see his footprints all the way.
(*Refrain*)

3. Soon he's coming back to welcome me
far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown;
I shall reign with him on high.
(*Refrain*)

The Light of Christ is carried out into the world,
reminding us to do the same.

POSTLUDE: *Onward, Christian Soldiers* Leatherman

Opportunities for Expressing Christian Concern

The Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Vic Fantoni, placed by Pat Fantoni.

The Piano Flowers are in honor of Edna Cline's 90 birthday, with lots of love from her family.

Prayer List
Jack Diehl – 8500 Jenny Lind Dr, Louisville, KY 40219
Shelia Ploetner – 2208 Sugar Maple Dr, Louisville, KY 40031

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May	28	Etta Gray
May	31	Estelle Campbell, Pam Anderson, Angie Jonson
June	1	Priscilla Schroeder

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June	1	Matt and Jennifer Conway – 6 years
June	2	Brad and LeAnne Walsh – 18 years

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Have you moved, gotten a new number, changed your name, or updated your email address? If your info in the church directory has changed, please share any updates with us by tearing off the below slip and placing it in the offering plate or in Holly's door. Thanks!

Name: _____
Updated Info for Directory:_____
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CALENDAR

Sunday:		***Memorial Sunday***
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Reception in Dining Hall
Monday:		***Memorial Day - Church Office Closed***
	5:30 pm	Hatha Yoga
	7:00 pm	Monday Night Book Buddies
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Congregational Care Meeting
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Hatha Yoga
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Dinner/Last Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday:	12:00 pm	Gentle Yoga
	9:30 pm	AA Meeting
Friday:	8:00 pm	AA/Al-Anon Meetings
Saturday:	9:45 am	Nar-Anon Meeting
	10:00 am	AA Meeting
Sunday:	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Flute Recital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NEW ROOTS FIRST FRESH STOP MARKET will take place June 5. We have all volunteers for June! Two volunteers are still needed for July 3. Please see Sherry Loeser to sign up. The mission of New Roots is to help Louisvillians living in food deserts obtain quality produce at a price they can afford. Over 70% of all produce sold is to those in need. To help New Roots defray the cost for those unable to pay the regular price of a share of produce, the Missions Ministry is asking Immanuel members and friends to consider a donation to New Roots. You may donate on an on-going basis or make a one-time donation at newroots.org. Checks are also welcome, payable to New Roots at 1800 Portland Avenue, 40203.

BLOOD DRIVE, Monday, June 3, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org. Questions? Call Jenifer Schultz @548-3069. Please mark your calendar for upcoming Blood Drives: Aug. 5, Oct. 7, and Dec. 2.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: Have you been attending services at Immanuel for a while but haven't joined? Do you feel this might be the place that you want to call your church "home?" We'll have a service of joining on June 9th! We'd love to have you join with us! Pastor Rachel will meet with anyone interested in joining on Sunday, June 2nd, right after church.

IUCC'S GOOD SAMARITAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: In an effort to provide services that are most beneficial to those in need within our community, we are now stocking shelf-stable foods and basic supplies to sustain our Good Samaritan Assistance Program. Please consider contributing to our Good Samaritan fund and/or donating any of the below items. Additionally, we have established a relationship with a local public defender that allows us to give directly to a halfway house when it seems that something like money for a deposit will keep someone out of prison and off the streets while offering accountability and support in a way that the church staff cannot. Recently, we were able to help a young man coming out of jail get the housing and support he needed, and we have received reports that he is thriving!

-Socks and Gloves *-Toothbrushes/Toothpaste*
-Wet Wipes *-Soap*
-Deodorant *-Feminine Products*
-Rain Ponchos *-Silver Emergency Blankets*

-Any individually-packaged shelf stable food items that can be opened without the use of a can opener, such as:

-Packs of Crackers *-Fruit cups*
-Vegetable Cups *-Vienna Sausages*
-Granola Bars *-Etc*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a congregational meeting to be held on June 2nd at 12:30pm for the purposes of reviewing the Transition Team's Church Profile and discussing our hopes for our next pastor. All members are urged to attend this "Brown Bag Lunch" event. Anyone needing a paper copy of the profile in advance should call the church office as soon as possible; it is a 49-page document, so we are hoping as many people as possible will use an electronic version.