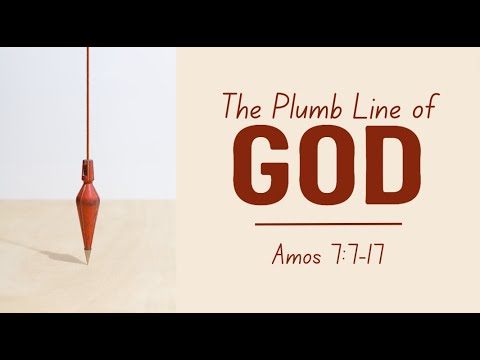
**IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**July 20, 2025**





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**Our Vision? *“To grow a vibrant church by sharing Christ with the community . . .”***

**Our Mission? *“To invite, inspire, involve, increase . . .”***

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 20, 2025

**RINGING OF THE BELL** Keith Deig

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF GREETING** Bobbie Hoebeke

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 15)Bobbie Hoebeke

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**People: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart.**

Leader: who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends, who do not despise the wicked, nor heap shame upon their neighbors

**People: who do not lend money at interest and do not take bribes against the innocent, but instead they honor those who fear the Lord; and stand by their promises even if they suffer.**

Leader: Those who do these things shall never be moved. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN #6** ***“This Is My Father’s World”***

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (Unison)Bobbie Hoebeke

**O God, you see how busy we think we are with so many important things. Turn us away from all that to listen to your teachings. Lead us to choose the one thing which cannot be taken from us. Pour out upon us the Holy Spirit so we can think and do what is right for all people everywhere. We seek the strength to live according to your loving will. Make us new this day - even as this day is new - and help us to worship you with openness and in truth through Jesus Christ, he who is our Savior and our Risen Lord. Amen**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,***

***world without end. Amen.***

**SCRIPTURE – Colossians 1:15-28** Bobbie Hoebeke

**15**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, **16**for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. **17**He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18**He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. **19**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20**and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**21**And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, **22**he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, **23**provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

**24**I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. **25**I became its minister according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, **26**the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. **27**To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **28**It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

**STORYTIME – All Ages and Stages** *“Be Where Your Feet Are”*

**HYMN #212** ***“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**~**Silent Prayer ~ Pastoral Prayer ~ 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**SERVICE OF GIVING**

**Invitation** Bobbie Hoebeke

Leader: We are called to be people of generosity, healing, and peace. We bring our gifts, then, so this church’s ministry will be a growing, vibrant witness to God’s love.

**Offertory**

\***Response No. 382**

***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.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

**Bless, O God, these gifts we give, both those we have put on these plates, through online transactions, and those we offer you now in our hearts, minds, words, and actions. Help us God to always choose the good portion, and to live and to walk the sacrificial servant path you have prepared for us. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE – Amos 7:7-17** Rev. Jason Emmerson

**7**This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. **8**And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will spare them no longer; **9**the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

**10**Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. **11**For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” **12**And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, **13**but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

**14**Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet nor a prophet’s son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, **15**and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ **16**“Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ **17**Therefore thus says the Lord: Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”

**SERMON “By Whose Standards”** Rev. Jason Emmerson

**\*CLOSING HYMN** **#457 *“Take Time to Be Holy”***

**\*BENEDICTION**

Go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name, and may all the blessings of God be upon you, may God the Creator renew your life, may God the Savior dwell within you, and may God the Spirit guide all your thoughts and actions both now and, in all days, to come. Amen

**\*BENEDICTION SONG *“Lord of Life, Lord of Love”***

**Lord, of life, Lord of Love, Walk forever beside us.**

**Day by Day, Show the Way, With your Vision to guide us,**

**Striving to Follow Your Will and Way, Nothing can divide us,**

**Lord of Life, Lord of Love, Walk forever beside us.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Today** **July 27**

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| Lay Leader:  Ushers/Greeters:  Pianist/Organist:  Children’s Moments: | Bobbie Hoebeke  Tony & Tina Kissinger  Beth Folz  Rev. Jason Emmerson | Angela Clark  Chris Moers  OPEN  OPEN |

**OUR IMMANUEL UCC PRAYER LIST**

***\*Charles Behrick*** ***\*David Behrick******\*Cherry Chase******\*Janice Jones***

***Ken Willett******David Frye Kenny Meinschein***

***Teresa Topper*** *(Friend of Chris Moers)* ***Tom Howard*** *(Brother of Angela Clark)*

***Kiersten Ferguson-Cremin*** *(Niece of Paula Boarman)*

 **VISITORS**

We invite you to sign our Guest Book,

located in the Narthex., as well as the

attendance book in the pews.

***TODAY***

***We welcome our Guest Minister:***

***Rev. Jason Emmerson***

***With Bobbie Hoebeke as Lay Leader***

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** will not meet for the next 2 weeks. It will resume on August 3rd.

**LUNCH BUNCH** – Wednesday, July 30th at 12 noon at Tequila’s. Everyone is welcome!!



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| **Gentle Exercise Class . . . designed for 40+**  Every **Thursday morning at 9:30** **am** in the Fellowship Hall  Breath & Movement 45 mins~  Discussion on creating a positive mindset 15 min~  Led by De Brown, certified Yoga Instructor and Immanuel UCC member!  \*Suggested donation: $5- |
| Join Us Next Sunday | Igniter Media | WorshipHouse Media ***Next Sunday, July 27th***  ***Guest Minister: Rev. Jason Emmerson***  ***With Angela Clark as Lay Leader*** |



**SUNDAY** **20th** **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**MONDAY 21st**

**TUESDAY** **22nd**

**WEDNESDAY** **23rd**

**THURSDAY** **24th** 9:30 a.m. Gentle Exercise Class

**FRIDAY** **25th**

**SATURDAY** **26th**

**SUNDAY** **27th SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting



*July 21 – Becky Brenner*