

**Immanuel, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**MUSIC**

**Welcome and notices**

**Call to worship:** *I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. Ps 116*

Please stand for the hymns if you can do so.

**HYMN: A Hymn for Immanuel**

Tune: Darwall (R&S 125)

We are Immanuel!  
Who gather in this place,  
To sing our praise to God  
And also seek His grace.  
We come to pray,  
And ask that we  
The Church, may be  
His voice today.

We are Immanuel!  
God help us now to prove,  
When gathered in this place,  
Your Spirit can remove  
All needless pains,  
Which hurt us all,  
So that we fall,  
And no-one gains.

We are Immanuel!  
God with us one and all  
Who come to hear His word  
And to attend His call.  
We seek new ways  
Of active care,  
With joy to share  
In love and praise.

We are Immanuel!  
God with us every day.  
God with us, not just here  
But each step of life's way.  
No walls confined,  
Refreshed, renewed,  
In love now moved  
To be more kind.

We are Immanuel!  
People of Mission true,  
Who seek God's presence now  
And for His task renew.  
God give us strength  
To be a church  
Which shall at length  
Your presence show.

Be with us we pray,  
Then as Immanuel,  
God send us from this place  
Your love and truth to tell.  
Without, within,  
Your message send,  
And in the end,  
Your Kingdom win.

Words: Rev. Geoff Glead. To celebrate  
Immanuel's anniversary, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2001.

**Prayer: Thanksgiving and Confession. We end with the Lord's Prayer**

**Bible Reading: Mark 8: 27-33**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered

him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

**Reflection: And what will we mean?**

**HYMN There's a Spirit in the air (R&S 329: 1,2,5,6)**

**Brian Wren**

<p>There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere: "Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world."</p> <p>Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done: God in Christ has come to stay, we can see his power today.</p>	<p>When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home, praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.</p> <p>May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways: God in Christ has come to stay, we can see his power today</p>
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**We remain standing to dedicate the Offering.**

*We end with the words of The Grace.*

**Prayer: Intercession -**

**HYMN: For ourselves no longer living (R&S 520)**

**Fred Kaan**

<p>For ourselves no longer living, let us live for Christ alone; of ourselves more strongly giving, go as far as he has gone: one with God who chose to be one with us to set us free.</p> <p>If we are to live with others, share as equals human worth, join the round of sisters, brothers, that encircles all the earth! All the fullness earth affords, is the people's, is the Lord's.</p>	<p>Fighting fear and exploitation is our daily common call; finding selfhood, building nations, sharing what we have with all. As the birds that soar in flight, let us rise towards the light.</p> <p>Let us rise and join the forces that combine to do God's will, wisely using earth's resources, human energy and skill. Let us now, by love released, celebrate the future's feast!</p>
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**Blessing**

**Music**