

LET MY PRAYER COME BEFORE YOU; INCLINE YOUR EAR TO MY CRY!  
PSALM 88:2



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THE CHURCH OF THE  
**INCARNATION**

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY  
OCTOBER 16, 2022

Table: Teddy H  
Verger: Martin R. Wilson W..

# *Welcome To* *The* **CHURCH** *of the* **INCARNATION**

To all who are spiritually weary and desire rest,  
To all who are mourning and long for comfort,  
To all who struggle and desire victory,  
To all who sin and need a Savior,  
To all who are hungry and thirst for righteousness,  
And to whomever will come,  
This church opens her doors,  
Offering welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

# ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

God calls us out of the world and welcomes us into his presence.  
Opening our hearts to him in love, we respond by confessing our  
sins, receiving his forgiveness, and fully devoting our lives to him  
in praise and adoration.

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Congregational responses are indicated in **boldface**.

*Please stand.*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## JOYFUL JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

*Words Edward Hodges, Henry van Dyke; Music: Ludwig von Beethoven.*

Joyful joyful we adore thee  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee  
Opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround thee  
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around thee  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest vale and mountain  
Flowery meadow flashing sea  
Singing bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee

Thou art giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing ever blest  
Wellspring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our Father Christ our brother  
All who live in love are thine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to the joy divine

## PRAYER FOR PURITY

Let us pray.

***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

°Matthew 22:37-40

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW°

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN\*

\*When we confess our sins to God we are not groveling in guilt; we are dealing with our guilt. If we deny our sins, we will never be free from them.

"The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise." Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and confess our sins. (Psalm 51:17)

*Please kneel and silently confess your sins against God and your neighbor.*

Most merciful God,

***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. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

\*Only God can forgive sins. In announcing God's forgiveness, pastors obey Christ's command to his ministers to pronounce Christ's forgiveness on his behalf (John 20:23).

## THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS\*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy

Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Please stand.

## Comfortable Words

### Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest."

JoEtta  
Joel Rhodes

°Psalm 51:15

\*When LORD is printed in small capital letters, it is the personal name for the one true God, the creator of heaven and earth and all things. In the original language it was likely pronounced yahweh.

## THE PSALM

Lord, open our lips.

***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***°

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

***O come, let us adore him.***

Psalm 88:1 O LORD\*, God of my salvation,  
I cry out day and night before you.

***<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer come before you;  
incline your ear to my cry!***

<sup>3</sup> For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.

***<sup>4</sup> I am counted among those who go down to the  
pit; I am a man who has no strength,***

<sup>5</sup> like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie  
in the grave, like those whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.

***<sup>6</sup> You have put me in the depths of the pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.***

<sup>7</sup> Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

***<sup>8</sup> You have caused my companions to shun me;  
you have made me a horror to them.  
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;***

<sup>9</sup> my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call upon  
you, O LORD; I spread out my hands to you.

***<sup>10</sup> Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Do the departed rise up to praise you?***

<sup>11</sup> Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,  
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?

***<sup>12</sup> Are your wonders known in the darkness,  
or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?***

<sup>13</sup> But I, O LORD, cry to you;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

**<sup>14</sup> O LORD, why do you cast my soul away?**

**Why do you hide your face from me?**

<sup>15</sup> Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,  
suffer your terrors; I am helpless.

**<sup>16</sup> Your wrath has swept over me;  
your dreadful assaults destroy me.**

<sup>17</sup> They surround me like a flood all day long;  
they close in on me together.

**<sup>18</sup> You have caused my beloved and my friend to  
shun me; my companions have become darkness.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be, world without end. Amen.**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

**O come, let us adore him.**

*Please be seated.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

We encounter our risen Lord in Scripture. As a people defined by God's Word, we respond to God through confession of faith, corporate prayer, and a demonstration of our reconciliation with one another in passing the peace of Christ.

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### **MARK 14:32–42**

*Before the Scripture is read:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Scripture is read:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

*Children 1st–5th grade are dismissed for Children's Ministry.*

# THE SERMON

Ben Taylor  
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\*The Nicene Creed has been prayed and recited since AD 325. It is the most widely used encapsulation of the essential and unifying beliefs of Christianity.

## THE NICENE CREED\*

Please stand.

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven***

***and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

***With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

\*Catholic here means that every local church founded on the gospel is part of the one universal church founded by God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE\*

The leader will invite us to pray.

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\*We close with the Collect of the Day from the Book of Common Prayer.

***Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

\*This ancient tradition is rooted in Luke 24:36-49. In these words we hear the promise that the dark side of life in the world and in us will not prevail. The power of the evil one has been overcome.

## THE PEACE\*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us greet one another in the name of our Lord.

*Greet those around you with some version of these words:*

*"The peace of Christ be with you."*

***Parents pick up infants, toddlers, & preschoolers from upstairs at this time.***

*Please be seated.*

## THE OFFERING

**Acts 20:35** Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

## IT IS WELL

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When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot you have taught me to say  
"It is well it is well with my soul"

It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul

My sin oh the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord oh my soul

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul

*Please stand.*



## **BLESS THIS OFFERING, O LORD**

*Words and Music: Unknown.*

Bless this offering O Lord  
And let it multiply within your hands  
Feed the hungry with the bread of life  
And let us see your mercies  
A taste of things in store  
We offer up this sacrifice to you O Lord

## **CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*God welcomes his people to feast at his table. This meal, a means of grace for all who receive by faith, is a rehearsal of the central act of the Christian faith: Christ's death on the cross — his body broken and his blood shed as a sacrifice for our sins.*

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### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

### **THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

*(Holding the bread in my hands)*

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

*(Holding the wine in my hands)*

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

**Sanctify them** by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. **Sanctify us also** that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.  
**AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

***Our Father, who is in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.***

LEMs

9am

Bob B

JoEtta

Mike D

Sarah D

Sylvia R

Ed G?.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

"We will all be coming down the center aisle to receive communion. This means that those of you seated in the right and left side sections will follow their corresponding center section row to the center aisle. After receiving the bread and wine you will return to your seat from the side aisles."

10:45am

Bob Dilling

Jenny Duvon

Brooke Chao

Sandra Gulliver

Sean Slevin

All baptized Christians who come with faith in Christ and repentance for sin are welcome to share in this feast. If for any reason you would prefer to abstain, cross your arms over your chest, and one of the servers will pray a blessing for you.

Come forward to receive communion row by row. Take a cup from

the station as you go forward. When arriving at the front of the communion line, place your hands in front of you to receive a piece of bread and consume it. Proceed past the bread station with your cup to a wine station where a server will serve you the wine. Grape juice is available at the far right station.

## **HOW GREAT THOU ART**

*Stuart Wesley Keene Hine. © 1949. CCLI License 11069486.*

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim "My God, how great Thou art!"

## **OUR GREAT GOD**

*Words and music by Mac Powell and Fernando Ortega; CCLI 11069486.*

Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love unfailing grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight  
Around your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord we are weak and frail helpless in the storm  
Surround us with your angels hold us in your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy his pleasure is our harm  
Rise up O Lord and he will flee before our sov'reign God

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird  
Let ev'ry mountain ev'ry field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by his Word

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

## **O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO**

*George Matheson. © 1982. CCLI License 11069486.*

O love that will not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in thee  
I give thee back the life I owe  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be

O light that followest all my way  
I yield my flickering torch to thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be

O joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be

## **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***Heavenly Father,***

***We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.***

***And now, Father, send us out to do the work you  
have given us to do, to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.***

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand.*

## **THE BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING**

All our problems:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All our difficulties:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All the devil's works:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All our hopes:

***We set on the risen Christ!***

**Blessing:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his  
**Choose one** face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the  
Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you  
peace. Amen.

### **OR**

The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and  
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain  
with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***



# NEWS AND EVENTS

## Youth Group

Youth Group is available this afternoon upstairs during *A Better Story* series from 4:30–6 pm. If you would like to receive email updates or learn more about Youth Group, please reach out to Wilson ([wilson@theincarnation.org](mailto:wilson@theincarnation.org)).

## Welcome Lunch today

Are you new to Incarnation? Join us for a Welcome Lunch after worship today. It will be held upstairs in one of the classrooms. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our church, ask questions, and meet other newcomers.

## Women's Bible Study

There are a few spots left in the Tuesday night women's Bible study, a 7-week study beginning this Tuesday, October 18, from 6:30–8pm on the life of Elijah. Email Laura at [laura@theincarnation.org](mailto:laura@theincarnation.org) if you would like to attend. Participants will need to purchase study materials (if it is cost-prohibitive, let us know). Let us know if you need childcare.

## Open House

Join pastor Aubrey for an open house hour at the church office from 3–4pm on Wednesday afternoons. This is a chance to engage in a more relaxed setting and ask questions in response to *A Better Story* lectures. All are welcome. Enjoy a cookie and coffee or tea while you're here. Ring the bell at the Federal Street entrance, then come upstairs after we buzz you in.

## Baptism

Our next baptism date is October 30. If you are considering baptism for yourself or your child, please contact Keith Breault about beginning the preparation. ([keith@theincarnation.org](mailto:keith@theincarnation.org)).

## Rector's Discretionary Fund

October 30 is a fifth Sunday, so we'll take an offering for the Rector's Discretionary Fund, in addition to the usual offering. This fund is used solely to meet the physical and financial needs of people in our church and community. If you or someone you know is in need and would like to request help from this fund, reach out to Aubrey or Keith.

## Annual Celebration, November 13, 5–7:30pm

Annual Celebration is coming up! Pick up your booklet if you haven't already. We'll meet here at the church building, share a potluck dinner w/ chili cook-off, renew membership, vote for Parish Council, and sign up to volunteer next year. More details can be found in the booklet.

## Church Work Day

Mark your calendars for a churchwide work day on Saturday, November 19th. We'll gather at our building from 9am–noon to tackle various projects around the building, including organization, minor maintenance, assembly, and some yard work. Pizza supplied for famished workers. More details to follow!

## Weekly Prayer Meeting

If you would like to join others in praying for Incarnation, a group meets on Thursdays, from 6–7:00 pm in the prayer room. Info: Carolyn Miller (rockderm@yahoo.com), or just show up at the Elizabeth Street entrance.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Wednesday 3pm** Open office Q&A with Aubrey re: A Better Story

**Thursdays 6pm** Prayer meeting in prayer room

**Today, October 16 @4:30** *A Better Story*

**October 18** Women's Bible study begins

**October 30** Rector's Discretionary Fund

**October 30** Baptism

**November 4** Art opening

**November 13** Annual Celebration

**November 19** Church work day

**November 27** 1 service at 10am (Thanksgiving weekend)

**December 24** Christmas Eve: Lessons & Carols, 4 & 6pm

**December 25** Christmas Day: 1 service @10am

**January 1** New Year's Day: 1 service @10am

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Nursery:** Staffed by trained and screened volunteers. Also open for parents/caretakers and infants, and anytime during the service for fussy babies. Located upstairs, midway down the hall to your left. Available throughout the service. Pickup is at the Peace (p.5).

**Toddler Room:** For steady walkers up to 3 years old. Located upstairs; check-in is at the top of the staircase closest to Mason Street (and the elevator). You can bring your child prior to the service. Pickup is at the Peace (p.5).

**Preschool:** 3–6 year olds. Upstairs; check-in at the top of the staircase closest to Mason St., before the service begins. Pickup is at the Peace (p.5).

**Elementary:** 1st–5th grade. After the Gospel reading, children will be dismissed to their class upstairs. At the Peace (p.5), they will return to the service.

# *Christmas Week*

AT *The* CHURCH *of the* INCARNATION

As we joyfully celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior  
and receive him anew in our hearts, our homes, and our church,  
our plans for worship are as follows:

Monday, December 24 Service of Lessons & Carols  
at 4:00 & 6:00pm  
Sunday, December 25 One service at 10:00am  
Sunday, January 1 One service at 10:00am



# A BETTER STORY

## GOD, SEX AND HUMAN FLOURISHING

SUNDAYS 4:30 – 6:00PM

SEPTEMBER 11 – NOVEMBER 6

WITH LIVESTREAM

CHILDCARE FOR 5TH GRADE AND UNDER

YOUTH GROUP FOR 6–12TH GRADE

### INTRODUCTION

A Great Mystery: Sex and Your Soul (September 11)

### UNDERSTANDING CULTURE

Your True Self: Sex and Identity (September 18)

For Better or Worse: Sex and Freedom (September 25)

Love Is Better than Wine: Sex and Romantic Love (October 2)

### UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

With the Grain of the Universe: The Purposes of Sex (October 9)

### **Disordered Love: Sex Gone Wrong (October 16)**

Male and Female He Created Them: Gender and Identity  
(October 23)

Space at the Table: Homosexuality and Christian Faithfulness (October  
30)

### LIVING AS THE CHURCH

Water is Thicker than Blood: Marriage and Singleness (November 6)







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