



IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Thomas A. Dorsey

MORNING WORSHIP
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Suite Médiévale
Dr. Stephen E. Carlton, organist

Jean Langlais

*Welcome to our combined online and onsite worship service.
The order of service is designed for worshippers to participate
virtually from home or in the Sanctuary.*

Please enjoy the prelude as a time of silent preparation for worship.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*+ HYMN 463 (stzs.1-4) How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Isaiah 43:1-4a

*Leader: Thus says the Lord,
the One who created you, O Jacob,
the One who formed you, O Israel:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.*

*People: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you;
When you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.*

*Leader: "For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...
You are precious in my sight, and honored,
and I love you... Do not fear, for I am with you."*

*All: Gracious God, who created us and calls us,
who keeps us and saves us, honors us and loves us:
We confess that we are creatures prone to fear and
distrust.
Forgive us for attitudes and actions which deny
Your presence among us. Forgive us for our failure to
demonstrate by the way we live that we belong to You.*

+ *Worshippers in the Sanctuary may be shown to their pews. * Stand as you are able.*

Open us to the transforming power of Your Spirit
that we might live in this world as people redeemed;
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

* THE PEACE

*Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.*

All: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

* RESPONSE *(the congregation sings)*

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

+++ Latecomers may be seated during the response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Romans 10:5-15

(NT 160)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

There is a Balm in Gilead

Hayes

*There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, There is a balm in Gilead,
to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in
vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you can preach like Peter,
if you can preach like Paul, go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us
all."*

Jenny Clark, soloist

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 436 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O Quanta Qualia

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

*Worshippers in the Sanctuary are invited to sign the red Friendship Folder
in each pew and greet one another following the worship service.*

*Online worshippers are invited to indicate their "presence" by using the
Virtual Worship Sign-in link: <https://bit.ly/IPCVirtualWorshipSignIn>*

OFFERTORY

Chat de Paix (Song of Peace)

Langlais

After the offertory, children are invited to come forward and join hands around the font for prayer before going to their special "Second Sunday" learning session in The Peaceable Kingdom.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE 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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY *(the congregation sings)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 14:22-33

(NT 16)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"In and Out of the Boat"

Mr. Ater

* HYMN 720 Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

Worshippers in the Sanctuary turn to the camera on the back wall so that online and onsite worshippers are facing one another for the closing hymn and benediction.

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Acclamations

Langlais

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Jill and George Fahr
in celebration of the marriage of Charles Fahr and Alexandra Lyons on August 5th.*

Following the postlude, a minister and elder
will be at the font to receive prayer requests.

Welcome! Members and friends are invited to Coffee Hour in the Parlor. Coffee hosts are Nancy Debbink and Carol Tsao, and Scott Silet and Kate Lewis. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Claire Moulis, Martha Mainland, and Lindsey McKee. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **186th anniversary** this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Our livestream worship extends our community across the country. Committed to "keeping faith in the city," Immanuel supports the Interchange Food Pantry and is active with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity and Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground. Global mission projects reach to Zambia and Cuba. Worship is our first priority and education is emphasized for all ages. Contact Associate Pastor Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org) for more information about Immanuel or church membership.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is **provided until noon today**, August 13, for the "Second Sunday" program, but **will be paused for the rest of August**. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level, to the right of the northeast staircase. Elevator access is also available. Full nursery care will resume on Sunday, September 3. There is a "**crying room**" **on the second floor** with sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship.

"SECOND SUNDAYS"
FOR CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN
TODAY, AUGUST 13

On the second Sunday of the summer months, children have been invited to a "pop up" Church School class in the Peaceable Kingdom. **Today's class** will explore a story related to the theme of last week's Vacation Bible School, "Trees of the Bible." Children are invited to come forward for the **Prayer of Thanksgiving** around the font before going downstairs to the Peaceable Kingdom for a lesson led by Margaret Crowley. A post-worship swim party is also planned. Speak with Mr. Ater today for swim party details and location.

Regular weekly Church School classes for children and youth will resume on Sunday, September 10.

Ms. Larson will return to the office on Tuesday.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Dave Salisbury, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator – Christine Karpowicz.

“THIRD THURSDAY” GATHERINGS

THIS Thursday, August 17

from 6:00-8:00 at the Juneau Park Beer Garden

Don't miss the final gathering of 2023 **THIS Thursday, August 17 from 6:00-8:00 at the Juneau Park Beer Garden**. Pack a picnic and meet Immanuel members and friends for an evening of casual fellowship. Food and beverages (including soft drinks) will be available for sale at the park. Participants may park in the Immanuel lot (the beer garden is across Prospect Avenue from Immanuel). Click here to sign up: https://bit.ly/IPC_ThirdThursdays2023. All ages welcome!

Contact Ms. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) with questions.

ANNUAL HYMN SING

Sunday, August 27

Summer moves to an end on good notes! This service of song has been an Immanuel tradition since 1997. Your favorite hymns will frame the worship service that day. Use the ballot in your bulletin (see inside back cover) or follow this link: https://bit.ly/IPC_HymnSing2023 to indicate the hymns that are most meaningful to you. The hymns must be in the current "Glory to God" hymnal. Thank you for participating in the selection process.

FROM PEW TO PULPIT: The Rev. Dr. John Helt

On Sunday mornings the Rev. Dr. John Helt is sometimes preaching, sometimes singing in a church choir -- and sometimes in one of our pews with his spouse, Cindy Helt, an Immanuel member and deacon. He is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ (UCC) with proud Presbyterian moments in his past: a year of study in Edinburgh and singing in the St. Giles Cathedral choir there, and serving as interim pastor for Westminster Presbyterian Church in Madison.

John retired from St. Paul's UCC in Colgate, Wisconsin in 2014 and is currently co-chair of the Wisconsin Conference UCC's Creation Care Team. Last week, Dr. Helt led a timely discussion of creation care and climate change concerns for adults at Vacation Bible School. He will be Immanuel's preacher next Sunday, August 20, with a compelling and hopeful word on climate care.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

Following last spring's announcement by Dr. Block and the Session that she will retire at the end of 2023, the Session directed its Human Resources Committee to search for an interim pastor to guide the congregation and staff through the assessments and planning required in a transition of pastoral leadership. A candidate has been selected and will be presented to the Session for approval; an announcement will be made in September.

We look forward to celebrating our 45+ years of ministry with Dr. Block throughout these next months. A series of "Celebration Sundays" is in the design process.



GOING PUBLIC ABOUT PUBLIC HOUSING

Public Hearing on the Housing Authority's Rent Mismanagement

Monday, August 28, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church
1345 W. Burleigh Street, Milwaukee

The next step in Common Ground's campaign to address issues and concerns with the *Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee* (HACM) is a hearing to listen to resident complaints regarding rent mismanagement and to call on the *United States Department of Housing and Urban Development* (HUD) to audit HACM. Please come in person, if you can, to show our HACM neighbors your support. Immanuel has committed to bring at least fifteen people.

Please RSVP: tinyurl.com/CGRentHearingRSVP

To Join on Zoom: tinyurl.com/CGRentHearingZOOM

"FORWARD SCHOLARS" TUTORING PROGRAM

**Volunteers needed for
2023-2024 school year**



While many of the veteran tutors will return, after a successful first year, Forward Scholars needs new tutors for the coming school year. Click here (<https://www.commongroundwi.org/forward-scholars>) for an updated Forward Scholars webpage and details about how to sign-up!

Questions may also be directed to Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

Make a difference in the life of a child!

*A multiracial, broad based community organizing group, **Common Ground** is made up of over 40 congregations, nonprofit organizations, small businesses, and schools in Southeastern Wisconsin, organized to address some of Greater Milwaukee's important social needs in an effective, non-partisan way.*

Immanuel Church was a founding member of Common Ground in 2008.

Learn more at: www.commongroundwi.org.

*Questions? Speak with a member of Immanuel's Common Ground Core Team:
Margaret Crowley, Martha Mainland, Sharon Rose, or Rob Ater*

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

- ✠ Work on this year's **MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Presbyterian Coalition home (3049 N. 6th Street) continues into the fall. Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, September 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to help lay flooring. Would you like to help?** Register at: <http://groups.mkehabitat.volunteerhub.com/events/index> (group name is Presbyterian Coalition). Volunteers must be 16 and older. If you have questions about volunteering or need help registering, contact Scott Silet (sasilet@gmail.com) or Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).
- ✠ Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** on two consecutive nights (Sunday-Monday) every other month. Thank you to the Immanuel Youth and families who will provide the meal on August 20 and the church members and friends who've signed up to help with the meal on August 21. **Mark your calendar for the next opportunity to serve: October 15 and 16.** Questions? Interested in joining a team later in the year that might resume serving the meal at the center? Contact Bobbi Timberlake (bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com) or Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

YOUR OFFERING, here and afar

During the pandemic many members changed their method of giving. Now that passing the offering plates has resumed, you may wish to observe this ritual. Those who are worshipping at home or away may continue their giving by:

1. **Mailing a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Note in the memo line how you'd like the amount recorded.
2. **Going to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scanning this QR** ("Quick Response") code with your smart phone camera for immediate connection to giving options on the Immanuel site.
4. **Texting 833-712-0259** (number for Immanuel giving only). Enter the amount in a message bubble and you will receive a registration link for payment information and verification by text or email.



HOSPITALITY: *How we say "welcome"*

Welcome Team, Ushers, Coffee Hour hosts, Camera operators needed

The Apostle Paul encouraged early Christians to "practice hospitality," to be gracious and welcoming to others in the name of Christ. In this season of our life together, we're renewing our shared commitment to practicing hospitality.

How will you say "welcome"?

Welcome Team members greet worshipers at the church doors, offer a smile and a warm welcome, answer questions or direct people to the Sanctuary, church school, or the nursery. Three or four welcome team members are needed each Sunday.

Ushers welcome and seat worshipers in the Sanctuary, distribute bulletins, collect and present the offering, and organize and straighten the pew racks before and after the service. Four to six ushers are needed each Sunday.

Coffee Hour hosts serve coffee, tea, and juice after worship in the Parlor. They offer table hospitality by providing both sweet and savory treats and clean-up afterwards. Four hosts are needed each Sunday. They coordinate by phone or email the week before.

Camera Operators help share Sunday morning worship online. They arrive by 9:40 and follow a bulletin marked for the pre-set camera angles. Volunteers receive training and report that "it's not difficult!"

If you would like to help again or for the first time, please email the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org) to indicate your interest in serving in one or more of these ministries of hospitality at Immanuel Church.

IN MEMORIAM

Donald and Nancy Craig joined Immanuel Church in 1996 and were active members for many years; Don served as a ruling elder. Don died on June 11, 2023 and Nancy died on July 9, 2021 during a time when memorial services were not being held in person due to the pandemic. A memorial service for Don and Nancy is scheduled for Thursday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our prayers and sympathies are with the Craig family and friends.

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

AUGUST 13 8:45-noon

10:00

10:30-noon

11:00-12:00

12:00

Thursday

noon
6:00

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

Morning Worship; Mr. Ater preaching

“Second Sunday” Church School for children and youth
The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level

Coffee hour in the Parlor

“Second Sunday” swim party

Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ *virtual*

“Third Thursday” Gathering at Juneau Park Beer Garden

NEXT SUNDAY

AUGUST 20 10:00

11:00-12:00

August 22 5:45

August 23 noon

August 24 noon

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Morning Worship; Rev. Dr. John Helt preaching

Coffee hour in the Parlor

Meeting of the Session ~ *conference room*

Immanuel COVID team meeting ~ *virtual*

Meeting of the Board of Trustees ~ *virtual*

LOOKING AHEAD

September 10

September 12 6:00

Choir and church school resume!

Church Leadership Dinner (Elders, Deacons, Trustees)

The **Immanuel Columbarium** is open today and every Sunday until noon.

Available dates for Chancel flowers: If you would like to donate flowers (\$150 for the two arrangements) this fall, please contact the church office.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING: Worshipers may park behind another car in the Waverly or Telluris/Brico (north) lots. **PLEASE place a Sunday bulletin on your dashboard with your name and cell phone number and move your car immediately after worship.**

**PORTABLE HEARING DEVICES,
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS
AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE.
PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE**



Bulletins returned to the tables in the Narthex will be recycled.



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Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton

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