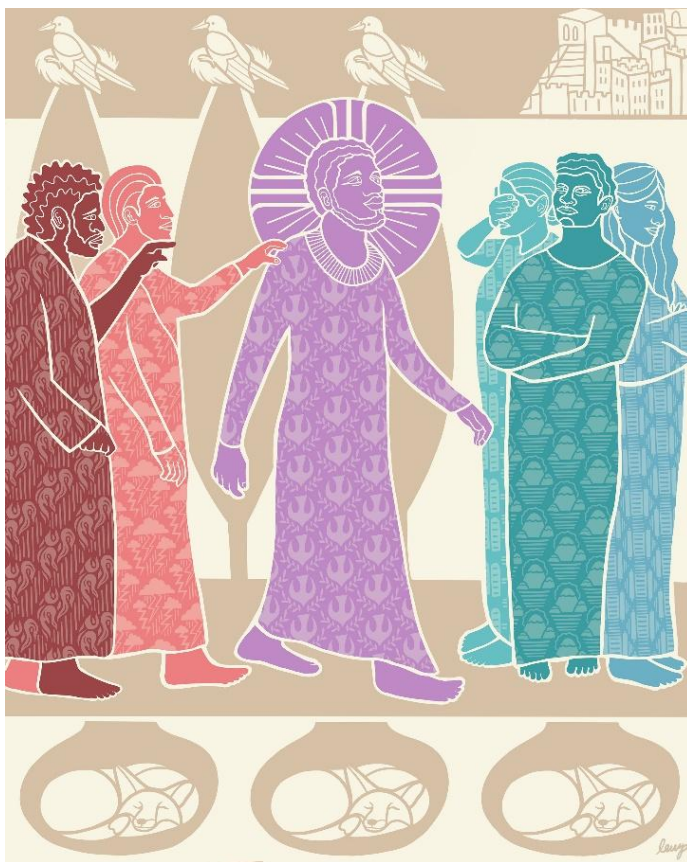




IMMANUEL

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ASH WEDNESDAY

THE LORD'S SUPPER

March 5, 2025

Half after seven o'clock

Worshippers are requested to silence phones and observe silent prayer and preparation upon entering the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE My Song is Love Unknown Vaughan Williams

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Teresa Larson

Leader: *If you have days when you feel a little bit lost
and a little bit found,*

People: then you are in the right place.

Leader: *If you have days when you are desperate for rest
and eager to grow,*

People: then you are in the right place.

Leader: *If you have days when your prayers could be both shouts
and silence,*

People: then you are in the right place.

Leader: *God meets us here, in the messy middle of our lives.*

People: So may we bring our full selves into worship tonight
and into this season ahead.

Leader: *With God's help, may it be so.*

People: Let us worship God.

* HYMN 726 Will You Come and Follow Me (*vs. 1-2*) Kelvingrove

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

Leader: *Jesus said, "Follow me."*

People: And I said, *let me get ready.*

Leader: *Jesus said, "follow me."*

People: And I said, *just one minute!*

Leader: *Jesus said, "Follow me."*

People: And we said, *we'll be there soon!*

Leader: *The invitation is simple, but the work is hard.*

People: Jesus, forgive our delay. We want to follow you.

Turn our intentions into actions. Show us the way.

Amen.

* Stand as you are able.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Leader: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

People: In life and in death I belong to God. Amen.

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the mark of ashes.

HYMN 433 (seated) Sign Us with Ashes

Phoenix

*The soloist sings the stanzas of the hymn as the ashes are imposed;
worshippers join the refrain:*

Sign us with ashes, merciful God,
Children of dust, as to dust we return.
Sign us with ashes, merciful God.
Mark us and make us your own.

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)*

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

INVITATION TO THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Rev. Robert Ater

Silent reflection and prayer

SOLO

The Call

Vaughan Williams

Liv Olson, Soloist

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.
Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Luke 9:51-62

(NT 70)

MEDITATION

Rev. Larson

Silent reflection and prayer

POEM

Excerpts from "Passover Remembered" by Alla Bozarth-Campbell

Silent reflection and prayer

* HYMN 432 How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord

Repton

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Gifts of bread and wine are brought to the Table.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Bush

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dr. Bush, Rev. Ater

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Loving God, we praise You for Your creative and redemptive work in the world and in human lives.

*We give thanks for Jesus Christ,
in whom Your fullness dwells:*

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Guiding the children, he leads us.

Visiting the sick, he heals us.

Dying on the cross, he forgives us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

Living with You, he prays for us.

SANCTUS (*all sing*)

Tune: Nettleton

Holy, holy Lord of power; holy, holy God of might.

Heav'n and earth You fill with glory, Sing hosanna to the heights!

Blessed is the One who cometh, In Your name, most holy Lord!

Sing hosanna, glad hosannas, To the One whom we adore.

*Leader: Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives proclaim the One crucified and risen.
Great is the mystery of faith:*

*People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

*All: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion
of the body and blood of Christ.
Unite us in faith, encourage us in hope,
inspire us to love,
that we may serve as Your faithful disciples.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD; BLESSING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*It is our practice to serve unfermented wine.
Gluten free bread is in the center of the bread trays.
Using the center aisle, come forward to the table in two lines.
Take a piece of bread, dip the bread in the chalice and eat.
Return to your pew by a side aisle.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Ater

* HYMN 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Green Tyler

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Larson

POSTLUDE

Psalm

Young

*The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were adapted from prayers written
by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.*

The Communion elements for this evening's service were prepared and served by Elders Deborah Anderson, Margaret Crowley, Lindsey McKee, and Julia Vosper.

Welcome to Immanuel Presbyterian Church on this special evening as we begin the Lenten journey together.

If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **188th 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.

There is a room for parents with infants and toddlers overlooking the Sanctuary where parents can walk and rock crying children and still see and hear the worship service. Parents are urged to take advantage of the 'crying room' rather than staying with children in the Parlor.

"MUSIC AT IMMANUEL"

Chamber Music Concert

THIS Friday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

As part of Immanuel's commitment to hospitality and the arts, Immanuel will host a special chamber music concert this Friday evening, March 7, featuring the piano and violin duo of Lucas and Leah Amory. Lucas is last year's winner of the PianoArts North American Competition and Music Festival. He will be joined by his talented younger sister, a student at the Curtiss Institute of Music in Philadelphia. They will be performing the rarely heard Prokofiev Violin Sonatas. Dr. Bush will open the event by interviewing the musicians. This program is open to the public; a freewill offering will be received. More info: <https://pianoarts.org/>

"IMMANUEL READS"

***James* by Percival Everett**

Online discussion + Monday evening, March 10 at 7:30

https://bit.ly/Immanuel_Reads_James

One of *The New York Times* best books of 2024 was Percival Everett's novel *James*, which re-tells the story of Huck Finn from the perspective of the runaway slave, Jim. If you've read this book or would like to discuss it, please join us on Zoom on March 10 at 7:30 p.m.! The conversation will be facilitated by Immanuel member and Carthage College professor Greg Baer.

Lent 2025



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

THIS Sunday, March 9

Franz Schubert's *Mass in G*

Immanuel Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra

+

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

**"Everything in Between:
Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes"**

Wednesday evenings during Lent:

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9

Soup at 6:00 followed by communion, conversation, and study

The theme for this year's study offers an invitation to faithfully and intentionally navigate the polarities in our lives. The program on Wednesday evenings includes guest presentations from leaders of local non-profits and conversations on living out our faith as a church community. **Sign-up in Great Hall this evening.**

March 12 - Faith & Works:

Presbyterian Church (USA) Social Witness Policy

March 19 - Stranger & Neighbor:

Common Ground's organizing with immigrants and public housing residents

Gabriela Dieguez and Kevin Solomon

March 26 - Rest & Growth:

Caring for yourself spiritually in unsteady times

Rev. Jean Dow, Associate Pastor Emerita and Spiritual Director

April 2 - Righteousness & Mercy:

Becoming a bold witness for peace and justice

Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

April 9 - Lost & Found:

Finding our way in the midst of transitions

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

433

Sign Us with Ashes

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm) (Am7)
 Refrain B \flat F Gm Dm Cm7

All

Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God, chil - dren of

(G) (Am7) (D) (G) (D)
 B \flat Cm7 F B \flat F

dust, as to dust we re - turn. Sign us with ash - es,

(Em) (Bm) (Am7) (D7) (Gsus) (G)
 Gm Dm Cm7 F7 B \flat sus B \flat *Fine*

mer - ci - ful God. Mark us and make us your own.

(D) (G) (C)
 F B \flat E \flat

Leader or All

1 Sure - ly, you a - lone can save us. You pay our
 2 Sure - ly, you a - lone up - hold us. You give us
 3 Sure - ly, you a - lone can heal us. Yours is the
 4 Sure - ly, you a - lone can free us. You break the
 5 Sure - ly, you a - lone re - fine us. You give us
 6 Sure - ly, you a - lone re - deem us. You fill our

(G) (D) (G) (D)
 B \flat F B \flat F

price with pre - cious blood. Reach - ing through your
 strength for all our needs. Shield - ing with a
 will to make us whole. Sooth - ing with a
 bonds of guilt and sin. Brac - ing, till we
 grace for lives made new, forg - ing, through your
 dust with ho - ly breath. Burst - ing from the

The refrain here recalls the imposition of ashes, a ritual based on Genesis 3:19, which has been a part of Christian worship on Ash Wednesday since the 9th century. As *The Book of Common Worship* states, "This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life."

(G) (C) (G) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b E^b B^b Fsus F
to Refrain

great com - pas - sion, you lift up your peo - ple with love.
 fa - ther's fa - vor, you bless us with par - don and peace.
 moth - er's kind - ness, the con - trite of heart, you con - sole.
 walk up - right - ly, you bol - ster our hope once a - gain.
 fire and ra - dian - ce, a sac - ri - fice wor - thy for you.
 grave in glo - ry, you rise from the ash - es of death!

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)
 E^b B^b Cm A^b E^b B^b E^b

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F[#]m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 A^b Fm B^b Gm Cm A^b Fm

to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 B^b7 E^b B^b7 C Fm A^b B^b7 E^b

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

543

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

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