



IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  

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*transforming* tradition

MAY THE STRENGTH OF GOD PILOT US,  
MAY THE POWER OF GOD PRESERVE US,  
MAY THE WISDOM OF GOD INSTRUCT US,  
MAY THE HAND OF GOD PROTECT US,  
MAY THE WAY OF GOD DIRECT US,  
MAY THE SHIELD OF GOD DEFEND US,  
MAY THE HOST OF GOD GUARD US  
AGAINST THE SPARES OF EVIL  
AND THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE WORLD.

*St. Patrick (c. 389- 461)*

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Manz

*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.*

### CHORAL INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Patrick of Ireland

*Leader: I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead,  
God's eye to watch, God's might to stay,  
God's ear to hearken to my need,  
the wisdom of my God to teach,  
God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward,  
the word of God to give me speech,  
God's heavenly host to be my guard.*

*People: Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,*

*Leader: Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*People: I bind unto myself the strong name of the Trinity  
by invocation of the same,*

*Leader: the Three in One, the One in Three,  
of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word.*

*All: Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.*

\*+ HYMN 638 (stzs.1-4) O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

Irish

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

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Leader: I am bending my knee*

*In the eye of the Father who created me,*

*People: In the eye of the Son who purchased me,*

*Leader: In the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me,*

*All: Through Thine own Anointed One, O God,  
Bestow upon us fullness in our need.*

*O Lord God, destroy and root out*

*whatever the adversary plants in me, that with my  
sins destroyed You may sow understanding and good*

*work in my mouth and heart; so that in act*

*and in truth I may serve only You and know*

*how to fulfill the commandments of Christ*

*and to seek Yourself. Give me memory, give me love,*

*give me chastity, give me faith, give me all things*

*which You know belong to the profit of my soul.*

*O Lord, work good in me, and provide me with what*

*You know that I need. Amen.*

*Columbanus (c. 543-615; Irish missionary to Gaul)*

\* 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*)

*O come, and bowing down to God our worship let us bring;*

*Yea, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker and our King.*

*+++ Latecomers may be seated during the response*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 6:25-34

(NT 6)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee (Psalm 145:15-16) Berger

*The eyes of all wait upon Thee; and Thou givest them their food in due season.*

*Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of ev'ry living thing.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

\* HYMN 802 (stzs.1-4) The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Ps. 23)

*St. Columba*

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

“One Great Hour of Sharing” Offering: Presbyterian Hunger Program

Elder Sue Rennane

## 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 Variation on Hymn Tune “Irish”

*Children and teachers gather at the font for prayer before proceeding to Church School in The Peaceable Kingdom on the lower level.*

## 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 Colossians 4:2-6

(NT 202)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## SERMON “Making the Most of the Time”

Dr. Block

\* HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision

*Slane*

*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 AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Rondo in G

*John Bull*

*The paraments on the pulpit and lectern are purple during Lent, symbolizing penitence.*

*There are no flowers in the Chancel until Easter morning,  
and the "alleluia" is retired until the Resurrection of the Lord is proclaimed.*

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 Victor Plantinga and Randy and Alex Trumbull-Holper. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Eileen and Keith Pierce and Pat Parks. 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 **186<sup>th</sup> anniversary** in April. 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](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) for more information about Immanuel or church membership.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is provided until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level, to the right of the northeast staircase. Elevator access is also available. There is also 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 the worship service.

**Church School classes for children and youth** follow the Prayer of Thanksgiving in The Peaceable Kingdom (lower level). Click <https://conta.cc/3kOOD13> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information.

## **Dr. Block to Retire at the End of 2023**

### **Conversation this morning at 11:15 in the Upper Room**

Members and friends of Immanuel Church received letters this week from Deborah Block and the Session regarding her request to retire at the end of this calendar year. She and the Human Resources Committee will hold a congregational conversation about this transition following the worship service today. Today's focus will be on our initial response to this news, giving opportunity to share thoughts, inviting questions, and hearing from those who have been involved in a process of discernment and planning over the past months.

There will be ongoing conversations, information sessions, and opportunities for engagement as we move through this year. In addition, there is a mailbox for your questions and concerns at [hr@immanuelwi.org](mailto:hr@immanuelwi.org).

# LENT 2023

## Wednesday evenings during Lent

March 15, 22, 29

6:00-8:00 in the Upper Room

Soup supper and The Lord's Supper at table

Study and discussion:

*With Us Always, "Until the End of the Age"*

**Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew**

**THIS WEEK: Fleeing Evil**

The subtle yet destructive power of evil in the human heart and in social structures are recognized throughout Matthew's Gospel. The narratives, parables, and teachings of Jesus address the problem of evil, directly and indirectly, and call disciples in every age to repent and to live a matter befitting God's kingdom; not just in words and actions, but in thoughts and motives of the heart. Join us for a conversation on the problem of evil in the Gospel and today, and how we are called to respond. The study will begin with a short lecture by Ms. Larson, followed by small group conversations facilitated by the ministers.

**Come for soup and worship at 6:00 or study at 7:00 or both!**

**The evenings have been designed with flexibility in mind.**

Although not necessary, signing up in advance helps the cooks and ministers in their planning. Sign up in the Parlor on Sunday morning, call the church office (414-276-4757) or click <https://bit.ly/LentSoupSuppers2023!>

***WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel?***

**Join us for one (or both!) of these upcoming events:**

**"IPC 101: An Introduction to Immanuel"**

**following worship on March 26**

Interested persons are invited to gather at the Welcome Table in the Great Hall (at about 11:15) to tour the church building, hear about Immanuel's ministries and what it means to be Presbyterian. The session will last approximately 45 minutes.

**Prospective Member Brunch and Orientation**

**following worship on April 23**

Designed for new friends considering church membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear our story, learn about our shared mission and ministry and enjoy a delicious meal with some of our members. For more information or to indicate an interest in attending, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Mr. Ater in the church office ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org), 414-276-4757).

*Invitations for both of these events are on the Great Hall tables.*



**GOING PUBLIC  
ABOUT PUBLIC HOUSING  
COMMON GROUND ASSEMBLY**

**Sunday, March 26 + 3:00-4:30 p.m.  
Mount Mary University  
Bergstrom Hall, Alumnae Dining Room  
2927 N 92<sup>nd</sup> St, Milwaukee**

Join Common Ground and Public Housing Resident Leaders for an update on the unacceptable living conditions and call for reform at several Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM) properties.

Immanuel plans to bring over 30 members and friends to join 500+ people to stand with our public housing neighbors!

*It's time to work together toward accountability and change!*

In-person participation is strongly encouraged.

To attend in person or online, RSVP at [tinyurl.com/GoingPublicRSVP](https://tinyurl.com/GoingPublicRSVP) or sign-up today in the Parlor

Register for Zoom: [tinyurl.com/GoingPublicZoom](https://tinyurl.com/GoingPublicZoom)

Postcard invitations are on the Great Hall tables.

*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](http://www.commongroundwi.org).*

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

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is a Lenten tradition at Immanuel Church and in Christian congregations around the country. The offering supports disaster relief, self-development, and hunger and health programs here and around the world. Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. You may also make a gift online at: <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be dedicated on Sunday, April 16.

## EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES IN CRITICAL NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Eastside Senior Services (ESS) is in critical need of volunteers to provide ESS community member rides to medical appointments, grocery store trips, and other necessary errands. Volunteers are also needed for companionship, light chores/repairs, and more. Immanuel has been a longtime mission partner of ESS, a neighborhood program which helps older adults on Milwaukee's East Side continue to live independently and in their own homes. Immanuel member Connie Goggin serves on the ESS board. Questions? Reach out to Ms. Goggin or contact ESS at 414-210-5881 or [essmilw@gmail.com](mailto:essmilw@gmail.com).

## INTERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE MARCH LUNCHEON/LECTURE SERIES

*"Democracy in Peril"*

**March 14, 21, and 28 + 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**First Unitarian Society + 1342 N. Astor Street**

Each year, the Peace and International Issues Committee of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee sponsors a lecture series on the Tuesdays in March. This year the series returns after a pandemic hiatus, offering speakers and panelists addressing the perils facing American democracy today.

Programs run from 11:45 until 1:30 at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 North Astor Street. Parking is available at Immanuel. Individual in-person lectures are \$20.00; the full in-person series of four is \$70.00. A simple vegetarian lunch is included with in-person registration. Remote access registration is also available for all sessions for \$20. For more information and/or to register, contact the Interfaith Conference at 414-276-9050 or [www.interfaithconference.org](http://www.interfaithconference.org).

*The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee is a longtime mission partner of Immanuel Presbyterian Church.*



**Thank you to this morning's volunteers:** Ushers – Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, Jeff McEathron, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator – Rabah Rennane.

Covid cases are still being reported by members of the congregation. Please continue to practice self-care and community care. *Masking* is not required but it *is encouraged* to mitigate the spread of colds, flu, and Covid. Flu shots, current boosters and health-conscious practices are ways we can embody the ethic of loving our neighbors as ourselves. If you are experiencing symptoms, please test and isolate as necessary. All members of the Immanuel staff, church school teachers, choir members and other Sunday morning volunteers who interact with you are fully vaccinated.

**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.**

### **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.



# WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## TODAY

MARCH 12	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Block preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00	Coffee and refreshments in the Parlor
	11:15	Congregational conversation in the Upper Room
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Wednesday	6:00-8:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at table, study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## NEXT SUNDAY

MARCH 19	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Ms. Larson preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00-12:00	Coffee hour in the Parlor
March 20	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
March 21	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Conference Room</i>
March 22	6:00-8:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at table, study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
March 23	12:00	Meeting of the Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>

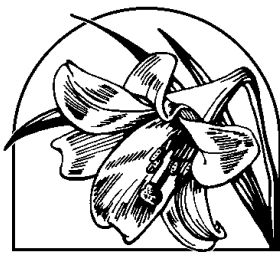
## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

## HOLY WEEK

### At Immanuel Presbyterian Church

April 2	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b> Upper Room Meal at 11:15
April 6	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7:30 The Lord's Supper
April 7	<b>Good Friday</b> 7:30 Service of Tenebrae
April 8	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 7:30 Easter Vigil Services of Light, The Word, Baptism, Communion
April 9	<b>Resurrection of the Lord</b> 10:00 Easter Morning Worship



# Easter Lilies

*New Life in Christ*

*On Easter Sunday the church is adorned with plants and flowers, symbolizing the new life of all creation in the resurrection. The lilies and floral arrangements are made possible by contributions of members and friends in memory of loved ones. A list of those remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin.*

*In making your gift, please consider that the cost of each plant this year is \$28.00. Contributions toward memorial Easter flowers also provide other floral arrangements in the church that day. The Deacons deliver these plants and flowers to members who are homebound and hospitalized following the Easter worship service.*

*To place an order, complete the form below, tear it out and drop it along with your check in the "Easter Lily" box in the Great Hall after the church service today. You may also mail your form and check to the church office. Forms are due by Monday, April 3.*

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of lilies:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ **(amount due)**

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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***Make checks payable to Immanuel Presbyterian Church and note "Easter lily" in the memo.***

If you prefer, you may order online at: <https://bit.ly/IPCEasterLilies2023>.

**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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