



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*Great God of dazzling beauty
and overshadowing majesty,
in Jesus Christ, your beloved,
we glimpse the image of your glory.*

*Teach us to listen to him
so that we may hear your voice
and follow your holy way;*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

- Book of Common Worship

*Lord, I seek not to understand
in order that I may believe,
but rather I believe
in order that I may understand.*

- St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)

MORNING WORSHIP

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

March 2, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE Prelude, Fugue and Variation Franck

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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ps. 100) The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

*Leader: For it is God who made us, and we are God's people,
the sheep of God's pasture.*

People: Give thanks to God, for the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever and
God's faithfulness to all generations.

* HYMN 189 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair (vs. 1,4,5) *Deo Gracias*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Rev. Teresa Larson

*Leader: Trusting in the Lord, let us call upon God's holy name,
confess our sin, and receive forgiveness. Let us pray.*

All: Merciful God, we humbly offer our prayers of
confession. We have not loved as you command.
We have not always spoken truly. We have not cared
for creation and for one another according to your will.
What we intend, we have not pursued; what we should
avoid, we have embraced. Help us to know the mind of
Christ, that in our thoughts, words, and deeds, our
lives might offer you honor and praise. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Larson

* THE PEACE

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Robert Ater

THE SCRIPTURES Colossians 1:15-20

(NT 200)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sanctus (from *Requiem*)

G. Fauré/Rutter

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Heaven and

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

earth are full of thy glory. O Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Ater

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pavane

G. Fauré

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Larson

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

Please sign the red Friendship Folder and greet one another following the service.

Online worshippers please indicate your presence using the link on the website.

OFFERTORY

Andante

Fauré

Children, youth, and teachers gather at the font for prayer

before proceeding to Church School in The Peaceable Kingdom on the lower level.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* 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 Luke 9:28-36

(NT 69)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Credo ut Intelligam”

Dr. Bush

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Ater

GREAT THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Larson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: *You are holy, O God of majesty; and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son...*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Revs. Ater & Bush

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This is an open table – all are invited to commune.

[Gluten-free bread is at the center of each tray. Unfermented wine is served.]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Larson

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection to all the world until you come again in glory. Amen.

* HYMN 193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (vs. 1,4,5) *Unser Herrscher*

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Deo Gracias'

Burkhardt

The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Eisenbrown family.

After the postlude, a minister and elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.

Welcome! 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.

Worshippers are invited to remain for the **Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch TODAY** immediately following the service in the Upper Room. Coffee and juice will be served with brunch.

Coffee is also being hosted in the Parlor by Anna Wolff and Jake Cusack. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Tamara and David Crum and Virginia Riggs. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available this Sunday from 9:30 until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level; elevator access is also available. A **“crying room” on the second floor** offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship. Click the following link to read this week’s “Wednesday Grace” for more information: <https://conta.cc/4kcTJyh>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.



“SHROVE SUNDAY” PANCAKE BRUNCH - TODAY! at 11:15 a.m. in the Upper Room

Immanuel marks the pre-Lenten tradition of pancakes and ham on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday, recalling a time when fat, eggs, and milk had to be used up before the Lenten fast began. Join Immanuel Church friends for this annual feast today immediately following worship. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

“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

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. The Zoom link will be available soon.

Lent 2025



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP THIS Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Jesus says, "Follow me!"

Luke 9:51-62

The invitation to the Lenten journey invites us to intentionally follow Jesus. We will break bread together in the Lord's Supper and share in the imposition of ashes. Special music: *The Call* by Ralph Vaughn Williams

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

NEXT Sunday, March 9

Special music: Franz Schubert *Mass in G*

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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. **Sign-up in Parlor or Upper Room.**

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

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE MARCH LUNCHEON/LECTURE SERIES

“Where do we go from here?”

March 4, 11, 18, and 25 + 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 in March. This year’s theme “Where do we go from here?” will examine what’s at stake in the upcoming Wisconsin Supreme Court election, the challenges faced by refugees and immigrants, how people of faith might respond to climate change, and the current challenges in public education.

Programs run from 11:45 until 1:30 at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. 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 <https://www.interfaithconference.org/2025-tuesdays-in-march>
The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee is a longtime Immanuel mission partner.

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.** Please DO NOT park in the Barnett Gallery lot.

Thank you to this morning’s worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Jeff McEathron, Mark Connelly, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator – Nancy Debbink.

Randall K. Bush	Interim Pastor
Robert W. Ater	Associate Pastor
Teresa A. Larson	Associate Pastor
Steven J. Jensen	Organist
John S. Komasa	Choir Director
Crystal Stinemates	Program and Office Administrator
Sarah Campbell	Part-time Financial Administrator
Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton
Deborah A. Block	Pastor Emerita
William H. Johnstone	Pastor Emeritus
Jean Dow	Associate Pastor Emerita
James C. Fisher	Parish Associate
Susan J. Stoll	Parish Associate
Sister Karlyn Cauley	Ecumenical Associate

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)
 Cm B^b Cm E^b F Gm

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)
 Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm

of glo - ry that the church shall share,
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)
 B^b Fm Gm B^b Cm

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise

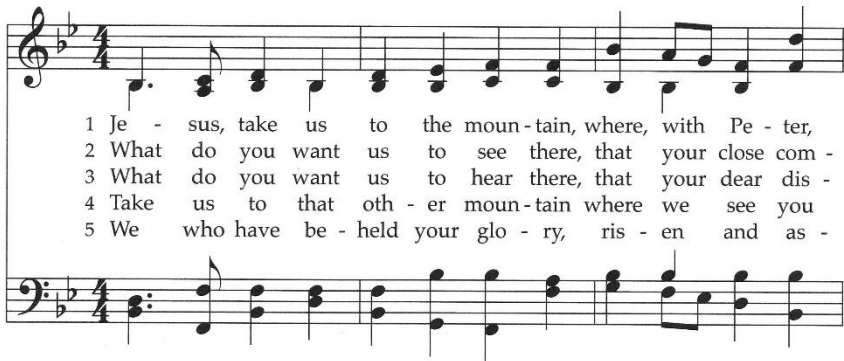
(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)
 Gm Fm A^b B^b Cm

where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.
 who joy in God with per - fect love.
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

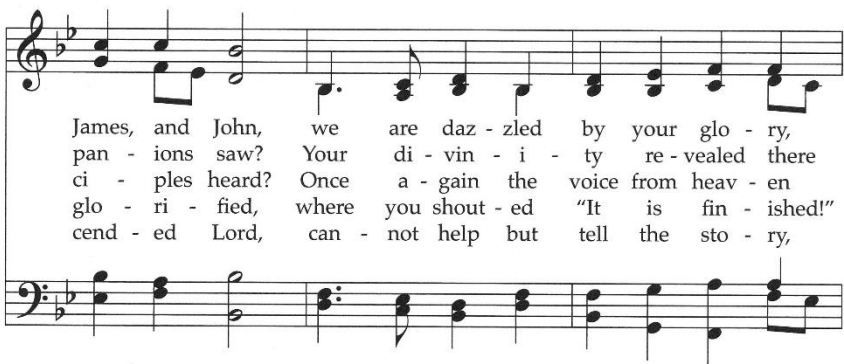
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

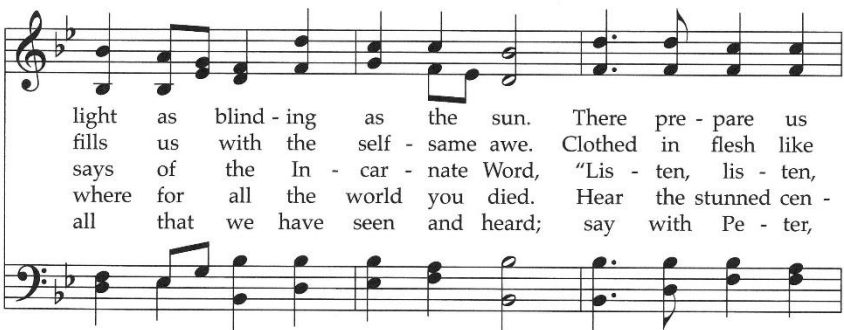
193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with each line of text aligned with the corresponding notes. The lyrics are: "for the night by the vi - sion of that sight. ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe. ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son." tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!" James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!" The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

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



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



WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

March 2	8:55	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	6:00	Meeting of the Deacons ~ <i>hybrid</i>
Wednesday	7:30	Ash Wednesday Worship; Holy Communion
Friday	7:00	Chamber Music Concert

NEXT SUNDAY

March 9	8:55	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
March 10	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	7:30	Immanuel Reads "James" online discussion ~ <i>virtual</i>
March 11	6:00	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
March 12	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables, Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

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



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