



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home.*

Isaac Watts, My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)

MORNING WORSHIP

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee McAfee

*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

*+ HYMN 386 Come Worship God (stz 1-3) O Quanta Qualia

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ephesians 5:8-9, 15-16

*Leader: "Once you were in darkness,
but now in the Lord you are light.
Live as children of light -*

*People: for the fruit of the light is found
in all that is good and right and true.*

Leader: Be careful then how you live,

*People: not as unwise people but as wise,
making the most of the time."*

*All: You, O God, are full of compassion, slow to anger,
rich in mercy, always ready to forgive.
Forgive us even when we are not ready to ask for
ourselves or to grant forgiveness to others.
Give us the moral courage to see our complicity in
the evils that corrode our life together.
Strengthen us to resist evil by practicing love in our
daily actions; keep us from feeling overwhelmed.
Empower us with hope in Your goodness and our
own; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

* 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*)

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 23

(OT 501)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Do not fear, for I have redeemed you (Isaiah 43)

Nathan Wesselowski

*Do not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you... 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, Do not fear, Do not fear for I am with you.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 816 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mission Interpretation: Common Ground Public Housing Assembly

Elder Margaret Crowley

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 If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

Manz

*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 Matthew 9:9-13

(NT 9)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“An Occasion of Good Fellowship”

Ms. Larson

* 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 AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Choral Prelude on “Wer nur den lieben Gott”

Bach

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 Curtiss and Susan Peck and Jill and George Fahr. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Patsy Aster, Jim Schleif, and Bill Marley. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Dr. Block is visiting family this weekend and will return on Tuesday.

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.

WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel?
Join us for one (or both!) of these upcoming events:

"IPC 101: An Introduction to Immanuel"
following worship NEXT Sunday, 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, 414-276-4757).

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

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 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/3l5WzLZ> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information.

In Memoriam

Donna Holmes died on Wednesday, March 15. She joined Immanuel Church in 2017 and served as the Communications Associate for the Presbytery of Milwaukee from 2015-2018. Plans for a service are pending. Our prayers and sympathies are with her family.

LENT 2023

Wednesday evenings during Lent

continuing March 22 and 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: Following Jesus

The Gospel of Matthew provides a kind of "manual for discipleship," with disciples as models for how we should live as followers of Jesus: taking risks as we practice righteousness, humility, and love, even for our enemies. Join us for a conversation on what it means to live a life of faith, for the first disciples and for us today, and reflection on the new ways we can respond to Jesus's call, "follow me." 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>!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS INVITED FOR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

The Nominating Committee will meet soon to nominate members to serve on the **Session**, the **Board of Deacons**, and the **2023-24 Nominating Committee**. Nominees will be elected at the Annual Program Meeting in May. Participate in the process by suggesting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The persons you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church. Members who are currently serving are not eligible for election. Use the forms on the Narthex tables or <https://bit.ly/IPCNominations2023>. The [current board rosters](#) are listed on the back of the form. Thank you.

LIFE TOGETHER:

Participating in the Nominating Process

March 26 at 11: 20 in the Upper Room

Next Sunday, March 26, Dr. Block will lead a "Life Together" discussion in the Upper Room about the nominating committee process for electing new elders and deacons and how Immanuel members can participate.



WITH JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM

Annual “Upper Room Meal” on Palm Sunday, April 2
for all members and friends

Matthew’s Gospel tells of “the very large crowd” that greeted Jesus
as he entered Jerusalem on a colt, saying,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!” (21:8-9)

On Palm Sunday, 2023 begin *your* journey through Holy Week
at our annual Upper Room Meal.

Join the palm-waving procession of children to our own “Upper Room,”
where we will enjoy a first-century meal of bread, fish, olives, dates, figs, eggs,
and goat cheese; hear stories from persons who knew Jesus; and learn about
the origins of the Lord’s Supper as we share this holy meal around our tables.

All are invited

Palm Sunday + April 2 at 11:15 a.m.

Sign up TODAY in the Parlor or

<https://bit.ly/IPCUpperRoomMeal2023>



GOING PUBLIC ABOUT PUBLIC HOUSING COMMON GROUND ASSEMBLY

NEXT Sunday, March 26 + 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Mount Mary University
Bergstrom Hall, Alumnae Dining Room
2927 N 92nd 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 or sign-up today in the Parlor – *please note if you'd like to carpool*

Register for Zoom: 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.

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

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.

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.

Thank you to this morning's volunteers: Ushers – Steve Jacobs, Mark Connelly, Dave Salisbury, and Hugh Morris; Camera operator – David Crum.

Please continue to **practice self-care and community care** in this “tripledeemic” season. Covid cases are still being reported by members of the congregation. **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 19	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Ms. Larson preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00-12:00	Coffee hour in the Parlor
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>

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

NEXT SUNDAY

MARCH 26	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Block 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
	11:15	IPC 101: Introductory Tour of Immanuel ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:20	Life Together: Participating in the Nominating Process ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
March 27	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
March 29	6:00- 8:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at table, study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

HOLY WEEK

At Immanuel Presbyterian Church

- April 2 **Palm/Passion Sunday**
Upper Room Meal at 11:15
- April 6 **Maundy Thursday**
7:30 The Lord's Supper
- April 7 **Good Friday**
7:30 Service of Tenebrae
- April 8 **Holy Saturday**
7:30 Easter Vigil
Services of Light, The Word,
Baptism, Communion
- April 9 **Resurrection of the Lord**
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. Following the Easter worship service, the Deacons deliver these plants and flowers to members who are homebound and hospitalized.

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: _____

*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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