



IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*transforming* tradition

Thank you, God,  
for weaving nature's life  
Into a seamless robe, a fragile whole.  
Forgive our greed  
and carelessness of power.  
Help us renew the face of the earth.

Thank you, God,  
for making planet earth  
A home for us and ages yet unborn.  
Help us to share,  
consider, save, and store.  
Come and renew the face of the earth.

*Brian Wren*

# MORNING WORSHIP

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 20, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE Introduction and Bouree' (from *Suite Gothique*)  
Boëllmann

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

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

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*+ HYMN 664 Morning Has Broken Bunessan

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: *In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.*

People: But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our  
care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Leader: *Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.*  
*from "A Brief Statement of Faith" PC(USA)*

All: Gracious God, Creator of life and new life:  
We confess that we are creatures disposed to use  
and abuse Your good gifts. You created us,  
and You have given us all things to enjoy, but we  
are poor stewards of this earth and its precious  
resources. Forgive us for using more than our share,  
for taking rather than tending.

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

Call us again to a deeper respect for the fragile balances of life, and make us willing to live lightly on the earth, so that with humility and reverence, we make choices that continue the goodness of creation. Evoke in us a renewed sense of wonder and responsibility; in the name of Jesus Christ, Your New Creation. 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*)

This is Your new day, Grace-filled, it welcomes  
all of Your creatures; Praises we bring!  
Freed and forgiven, new as the morning,  
Thankfully now Your mercies we sing.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17

(OT 2)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

SOLO

The Call

*Vaughan Williams*

*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.*

Nathan Wesselowski, soloist

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

\* HYMN 36 For the Fruit of All Creation

*Ar Hyd Y Nos*

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                      Prayer (from *Suite Gothique*)                      Boëllmann

*After the offertory, children are invited to come forward and join hands around the font for prayer.*

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    Revelation 22:1-4a                      (NT 260)

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

*People:    Thanks be to God.*

SERMON                      "Apocalyptic Hope"                      The Rev. Dr. John Helt

- \* HYMN 250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower/Hymn of Promise *Promise*

*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                      Toccata (from *Suite Gothique*)                      Boëllmann

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Justin Mayer in memory of his mother, June W. Mayer.*

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

**Welcome!** All are invited to enjoy coffee and refreshments in the Parlor following the worship service. Coffee hosts are Pat and Connie Goggin, and Rick and Mary Beth Allsop. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Dave and Kate Perry and Kathleen Burchby. 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** 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](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) for more information about Immanuel or church membership.

**Nursery care for infants and toddlers** is paused for today and for the rest of August. 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.

### **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. The first week in August, Dr. Helt led a timely discussion of creation care and climate change concerns for adults at Vacation Bible School. Today he brings a compelling and hopeful word on climate care.

### **ANNUAL HYMN SING A CELEBRATION OF CONGREGATIONAL SONG Next 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](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!

# **“GATHER IN” SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

*Gather in to reconnect, restart, and celebrate life together!*

A new program year begins on September 10 and all are invited to celebrate a new season of life together! Church School classes for children and youth resume with the annual “Blessing of the Backpacks” and the **Sacrament of Baptism** will be celebrated during worship. Parents wishing to present children for baptism and adults who would like to make a profession of faith should speak with Ms. Larson in the church office. The Immanuel Chancel Choir will return to the loft and invites you to join.

## **THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 10**

The worship service on September 10 will be followed by our annual **Ice Cream Social!** Enjoy a sundae and the company of new and old church friends as we catch up, reconnect, and look forward to a new church year.

**Would you like to help host the Ice Cream Social?**

Servers, hosts, and runners are needed. **Sign-up by following this link:** [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_IceCreamSocialHelpers2023](https://bit.ly/IPC_IceCreamSocialHelpers2023) or on the Great Hall table.

## **INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH:**

**August 27 - Hymn Sing**

**September 10 - “Gather In” Sunday + Ice Cream Social**

Although it’s always the right time to invite a friend to church, our next two **“Invite-a-friend Sundays” - August 27 and September 10** - are a great time! (Details above!) Do you have a friend, colleague, or family member you would like to introduce to Immanuel Presbyterian Church? Church newcomers most often visit for the first time because someone personally invited them. Consider who in your life might appreciate an invitation to explore their faith in this community. If you know someone who might appreciate a personal invitation from one of the ministers, please feel free to contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757).

*Invite a friend to church!*

## **CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

*With special guest, the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth F. Caldwell*

On Sunday, September 17, Immanuel welcomes the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth F. Caldwell for a special celebration Sunday of our Christian education ministries for all ages. Dr. Caldwell is an author, editor, curriculum consultant, Adjunct Faculty at Vanderbilt Divinity School, and Professor Emerita of McCormick Theological Seminary. In addition to preaching on September 17, Dr. Caldwell will lead a discussion on sustaining lifelong Christian formation in the Upper Room following worship. Please join us for this special Sunday to celebrate Immanuel’s educational ministries for all ages!

## “DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE”

**September 23 and 24**

On **September 23 & 24** Immanuel will join Milwaukee organizations in opening our doors for special tours and hospitality. Sponsored by Historic Milwaukee, *Doors Open Milwaukee* will open buildings of all kinds in the downtown area free of charge, allowing the public to explore new places and hidden areas usually off-limits to visitors. Through Immanuel’s participation in this event over the last twelve years, Immanuel has welcomed **nearly 6,000 visitors** into our church home! **Would you like to help host the event this year? Mark your calendar and watch for a sign-up sheet beginning next Sunday. Immanuel volunteers** will be invited to serve as building hosts and tour guides on both days.

## PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

*Opportunities for Mission and Service*

- ✦ Today is **INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY** when we lift up the ministry of this longtime mission partner. Use the yellow food pantry envelopes in the pew racks, follow this link (<https://bit.ly/DonateInterchangeFoodPantry>) to make an online contribution, or send a check to the church office (payable to the Interchange Food Pantry). Volunteers are always needed to sort and bag food for guests. Contact the pantry staff ([ifpmilwaukee@gmail.com](mailto:ifpmilwaukee@gmail.com) or 414-551-2184) for information or to sign-up.
- ✦ Work on this year’s **MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Presbyterian Coalition home (3049 N. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sasilet@gmail.com)) or Rob Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)).

## 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](https://tinyurl.com/CGRentHearingRSVP)

To Join on Zoom: [tinyurl.com/CGRentHearingZOOM](https://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](mailto: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](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*



# 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](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)) to indicate your interest in serving in one or more of these ministries of hospitality at Immanuel Church.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

AUGUST 20      10:00  
                    11:00-12:00

Tuesday        5:45

Wednesday    noon

Thursday        noon

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Morning Worship;** Dr. 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*

### NEXT SUNDAY

AUGUST 27      10:00

                    11:00-12:00

August 30        5:30

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Morning Worship;** Dr. Block preaching

Hymn Sing; Invite-a-Friend Sunday

Coffee hour in the Parlor

Membership Task Force meeting

### LOOKING AHEAD

September 10

Gather-In Sunday; Choir and church school resume!

Ice Cream Social

September 12

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) September 10<sup>th</sup> or later this fall, please contact the church office.

## NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

The Immanuel Nursery provides child care for our youngest members every Sunday. We are committed to staffing the nursery with two experienced adults each week – and are seeking new nursery workers to begin on September 3. If you know of someone who might be interested in this paid position, please contact Ms. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) in 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.**

**Thank you to this morning's volunteers:** Ushers – Dick Myers, Victor Plantinga, Dave Salisbury, and Bill LeFeber; Camera operator – Rabah Rennane.



**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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