



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha-olam,
Asher kid'shanu b'mitz votov,
V'ratzah vanu v'shabat kad'sho.*

*(Blessed are you, Lord, our God, Sovereign of the
Universe, who has sanctified us with your commandments
and has been pleased with us and your holy Sabbath.)
- Jewish prayer at sunset on Sabbath*

*As if you could kill time without injuring eternity.
- Henry David Thoreau*

*The present is the point in which time touches eternity.
- C. S. Lewis*

*Keep yourselves in the love of God;
Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
that leads to eternal life.
- Jude 1:21*

MORNING WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Sonata in c minor

Mendelssohn

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Do Not Fear

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

(adapted from a prayer by Howard Thurman)

Leader: Lord, open unto me light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair.

People: Lord, open unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.

Leader: Lord, open unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hates.

People: Sanctify this day and make it sacred time. Lord, open unto me Thy Self for myself now and always. Amen.

* HYMN 321 The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1-4) Aurelia

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Rev. Robert Ater

Leader: Friends, God knows our needs before we ask and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace. Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others.

All: Lord, have mercy on us – the timid who will not dare to be strong, and the strong who refuse to acknowledge our many weaknesses. The foolish who cling to our ignorance, and the clever who act with arrogance. The half-hearted who ignore new opportunities, and the impatient who rush in where angels fear to tread. Loving God, bring us to a genuine repentance and restore us to your salvation, now and for always. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Ater

* 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)*

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

THE SCRIPTURES Ecclesiastes 3:10-15

(OT 616)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Lord Increase My Faith

Gibbons

Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity and patience, in all my adversity help me to say Amen.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Larson

* HYMN 286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Ater

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

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

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

OFFERTORY

Andante

Mendelssohn

*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 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.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Revelation Visions: The Sacrament of Time” Dr. Bush

SABBATICAL COMMISSIONING OF REV. ROBERT ATER

Leader: God of grace, we thank you for the gifts of Christian ministry given to your servant, the Rev. Rob Ater. We celebrate the year of his labor among us and rejoice in the sabbatical that awaits.

People: Lord of the Sabbath, sanctify the coming days for Rob. Give him a sense of peace, a spirit of expectancy, and a heart overflowing with gratitude. After a time of refreshment, return him safely to us that together we may continue our mutual journey of faith, ever rejoicing in the good news of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN 541 God Be with You Till We Meet Again *Randolph*

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Dr. Bush*

POSTLUDE *Allegro Maestoso Mendelssohn*

Congregational Photo following the postlude.

*Please come forward to the Chancel
for a new congregational photo
for the website and welcome materials.
All worshipers are invited to participate!*

The flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Jon Olson by Julia Vosper.

After the photo, 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, from 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.

Worshipers are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Lauri and John Hansen and members of the Human Resources Committee. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Marge Brindley, Toni Jones, and Ray Moulis. 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/3SztHZl>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** will be part of the worship service on Sunday, June 1. Please contact Rev. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) about presenting a child for baptism or making a profession of faith.

SABBATICAL COMMISSIONING, TODAY!

Associate Pastor Robert Ater begins a sabbatical leave tomorrow, May 19. He will be away through September 1. The focus of the sabbatical time for Rev. Ater and the congregation will be on embracing the gift of sabbath and the spiritual calling to balance our lives with rest. Rev. Ater also plans to visit and personally thank some of the mentors, teachers, and friends who have inspired, nurtured, and supported him in his life’s journey—a sort of gratitude tour. Following today’s service, the Human Resources Committee will host a special coffee hour in the Parlor.

TELL YOUR IMMANUEL STORY

Immanuel members and friends are invited to chat with members of the Transition Team to share a bit of your Immanuel Church story. We want to hear about times when you were proud to be part of our Immanuel "flock" as well as any times when you felt a bit like a "lost sheep." The team members will be available following worship in the rear of the sanctuary (Narthex) for the next few weeks.

IMMANUEL READS: RESURRECTION NARRATIVES

THIS Wednesday, May 21

6:00 - potluck supper + 6:45 - Bible study

Join members of the Adult Education Committee for a special Eastertide “Immanuel Reads” gathering focused on the resurrection and post-resurrection narratives in the Gospels. Participants are asked to read the final chapter of each Gospel prior to the class; a reading guide is available on the tables in the Great Hall and the Parlor. Bring something to share for a potluck supper in the Upper Room at 6:00, followed by study and conversation at 6:45. Sign up in the Parlor or by clicking here: https://bit.ly/Immanuel_Reads_ResurrectionNarratives.

Thank you to this morning’s worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Paul Campbell, Mark Connelly, Viginia Riggs, and Tom and Linda Neubauer; Camera operator – David Ravie.

WELCOME CASSIE OLSON, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Human Resources Committee is pleased to welcome Immanuel's new Program Coordinator, Cassie Olson! Cassie has been a caregiver in the nursery for two years and has a background in early childhood education. She will be working part-time through the first week of September to assist the ministers and staff in supporting the church's programming during Rev. Ater's sabbatical. Cassie began her role last week and can be reached by email at: programsupport@immanuelwi.org.

INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Today is Interchange Food Pantry (IFP) Sunday when we lift up the ministry of this longtime mission partner. Located at the Village (Lutheran) Church at Juneau and Edison, IFP is one of only a few city-wide pantries.

Use the yellow food pantry envelopes in the pew racks, follow this link (https://bit.ly/Donate_InterchangeFoodPantry) to make an online contribution, or send a check to the church office (payable to the Interchange Food Pantry). Volunteers are always needed to unpack and sort food and serve guests. Contact the pantry staff (interchangeoffice@gmail.com or 414-551-2184) to sign-up. Watch for details about a **summer peanut butter drive**, soon.

ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING

Sunday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Room

The Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, June 1, following the worship service. "The year in review" will be presented by members involved in the various programs of the congregation and the Nominating Committee will place before the congregation members for election to the ordained offices of elder and deacon -

Elder nominees:

Deborah Anderson
Mar MacLeod Brahm
Johnny Harkey
Debbie Whitmore

Deacon nominees:

Mary Delcore
Matilda Gillard
Jeff McEathron
Curtiss Peck
Kathy Price

and at-large members for the 2025-2026 Church Nominating Committee:
Audra Brennan, Tom Cooper, Martha Mainland, Victor Plantinga, Julia Vosper.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

We look forward to honoring members of Immanuel Church who are graduating from high school or college/university or receiving graduate degrees this spring. Please call or e-mail the church office (414-276-4757 ipc@immanuelwi.org) with school and degree information. Graduates will be recognized on June 8.



BLESSED AT PRIDEFEST BOOTH

Volunteers Needed

An Interfaith group of clergy and congregational leaders will again host a “**BLESSED@PRIDEFEST**” booth at this year’s Pridefest at the Henry Maier Festival Park on June 6-7. Clergy will offering individual blessings and prayers that are often particularly meaningful to members of the LGBTQIA+ community who have felt marginalized by church and faith communities. Non-clergy volunteers are needed to provide booth hospitality in three-hour shifts. Sign-up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4AAAFAD2BA7F49-55778151-blessed#/ Questions may be directed to: blessedatpridefest@gmail.com. Invitations to Immanuel and other participating congregations will be available at the booth.

PENTECOST SUNDAY + June 8

The Day of Pentecost is the day that the Church celebrates its birthday – the day we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples of Jesus Christ, fifty days after his resurrection. It is an Immanuel tradition to celebrate Pentecost as the last day of the Church School year with our annual *Pentecost Party*. All will be invited to the Upper Room to enjoy a light lunch, complete with “Fruits of the Spirit” salad, and a birthday cake for the Church! We will also thank the 2024-25 Church School teachers. **RED** is the color of the day – the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire to those first disciples.



SUMMER NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Part-time paid position also available

Immanuel’s Nursery needs additional caregivers through the summer months while our college students are home for summer break. If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery this summer (even for just one Sunday!) or know of anyone interested in this paid position, please contact the church office or reach out to Rev. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org). A sign-up sheet for volunteering is available in the Parlor.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas “Tom” Hoffman died on March 16 at his home in Tiffin, Ohio after a long illness. Tom joined Immanuel Church with his husband Peter Holbrook in 2009 and they were married at Immanuel in 2016. A memorial service was held in March at Old Trinity Episcopal Church in Tiffin. A Celebration of Life for Wisconsin family and friends will be held in Milwaukee on Saturday, May 31 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at MARN Art and Culture Hub (191 N. Broadway, Suite 102). Our prayers and sympathies are with Peter and the Hoffman and Holbrook families.



BUILDING POWER!
Common Ground Assembly
Monday, June 9 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Mexican Fiesta: Flores Hall

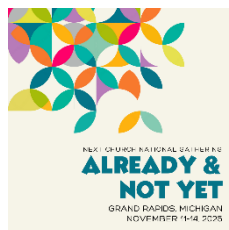
Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/CGAssembly>
Flyers are on the Great Hall tables.

After helping to bring about significant positive and life-improving change for our public housing neighbors this year, Common Ground is **building power** together – boldly, creatively and strategically.

Come celebrate and help spark what comes next!

Common Ground (www.commongroundwi.org) is a non-partisan, multi-racial alliance of congregations, schools, nonprofits, small businesses and neighborhood groups with a seventeen-year track record of effective, meaningful change in greater Milwaukee. Immanuel is a founding member. Questions about Common Ground or the assembly? Contact a member of Immanuel's Common Ground Core Team: Margaret Crowley, Paula Lewein, Martha Mainland, and Sharon Rose.

ALREADY & NOT YET
NEXT CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Grand Rapids, Michigan
November 11-14, 2025



A gathering for Church leaders committed to transformation, NEXT Church will host its next National Gathering this fall in Grand Rapids. The gathering of approximately 250, *mostly* Presbyterians (all are welcome!), from around the country will include meaningful worship and five leadership pathways (pick one for the whole conference) --

Community Organizing: *Building Movements for a More Just World*
More Than Good Intentions: *Aligning Your Mission Ministries for Impact*
Leading Through Communal Trauma:
Proclamation and Public Ministry Amid Traumatic Overwhelm
Art as Resistance: *Awakening Imagination*

Relentlessly Communing: *Cultivating Communities of Resistance*

A mission partner of Immanuel Church, NEXT Church is a growing community of leaders – church members, ruling elders, youth leaders, educators, ministers, seminarians, and church professionals – who believe the Spirit is moving powerfully in the Church today, even as what it means to be Church is changing. Founded in 2011, Rev. Ater has served on the NEXT Church Vision Team and Board since 2023. Learn about NEXT at: <https://nextchurch.net/>. National Gathering details and registration at: <https://nextchurch.net/national-gathering/>.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity

Are you interested in learning more about Milwaukee Habitat? Would you like to help with the Presbyterian Coalition's summer build?

It seems that on any given Sunday in church, if you mention Habitat for Humanity at Immanuel, you will not get far before you encounter someone who has volunteered. From the early days of Pastor Emeritus Bill Johnstone and the Timberlakes, Fishers, Clears, and others, to the Build Weeks of the 90's and early 2000's, to the current period wherein Milwaukee Habitat plans to build 40 houses a year over the next 2 to 3 years, it would not be surprising to discover that many people from our congregation have served in some manner. Would you like to join their ranks? People sometimes tend to think that a Habitat volunteer must have a full set of tools, the skills of a carpenter, and the ability to climb tall ladders to contribute. The reality is this: the only requirements for volunteering that Habitat sets forth are a minimum age of 16 years old, and closed-toe shoes.

Here is the direct statement from Habitat's website:

Volunteers are a vital part of our mission. We welcome individuals, corporations, community groups, faith congregations, and many more to join us in building affordable homes in our community. No prior experience is necessary - we'll show you what to do!

Opportunities are not restricted to the Construction area either; Immanuel members have and continue to serve at one of the Restore retail warehouses, assist with Family Services for prospective homebuyers, and serve on Habitat's Board of Directors. Immanuel also supports Habitat through gift from our annual mission budget, as well as through Habitat's participation in our Alternative Christmas Market.

Please contact Richard Rodgers (rrodgers157@gmail.com) or Scott Silet (sasilet@gmail.com) with any questions regarding volunteering - or, just start asking around at Coffee Hour, and listen to the positive experiences that so many of our members have had in giving of their time and talents to this cornerstone of Milwaukee's affordable housing community. An announcement will be shared soon with specific opportunities to help with this year's Presbyterian Coalition home. Join us and share the common experience of laboring for a cause!

A "Spotlight on Mission" column will appear monthly in the worship bulletin this summer and into the fall, often paired with a Minute for Mission. Today's column contributed by Richard Rodgers follows Scott Silet's Minute for Mission last Sunday.

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; lov-ing coun-sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; un-seen wings pro-
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a-gain; keep love's ban-ner

guide, up-hold you, with a shep-herd's care en-fold you:
 tect-ing hide you, dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you:
 thick con-found you, put un-fail-ing arms a-round you:
 float-ing o'er you; smite death's threat-en-ing wave be-fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a-gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

May 18	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching Rev. Ater's Sabbatical Commissioning
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:10	Coffee hour in the Parlor
Monday		Rev. Ater's sabbatical begins; May 19 to September 1
	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	4:00	Adult Education Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsals are on hold until the Fall
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Wednesday	6:00	Immanuel Reads: Potluck Supper & Study ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

		SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 25	8:55	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>
	11:10	Coffee hour in the Parlor
May 26		Memorial Day : Church Office CLOSED
May 27	11:30	Meeting of the Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>
June 1	11:00	Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

Available date for Chancel flowers: If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the sanctuary or columbarium in **2025** (\$150 for the two sanctuary arrangements, \$50 for the columbarium each Sunday), please contact the church office.

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

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.

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



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