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He will walk a little in front of us into controversy.

He will not be scared, though we are apprehensive.

He will argue with the intelligent,

stop in their tracks the self-assured,

touch the diseased, upset bank balances

by his outlandish behavior in the sanctuary, and weep in public.

Then he will go on again, in faith, towards Jerusalem.

He will not be scared, though we are apprehensive.

He will sweat blood and ask God if there is another way.

And when God says no,

he will take the traitor's kiss, the soldiers' spit,

the bile and venom from the princes of religion.

Then he will go on again, in faith, towards the cross.

He will walk a little in front of us towards Calvary.

He will not be scared, no, he will not be scared.

He will feel the pain of wood and nails; but more than this he will feel the weight of

all the evil,

all the malice,

all the pettiness,

all the sin of the world heaped upon his shoulders.

He will not give back evil for evil, return malice for malice, take revenge on the petty-minded, or spew out hate on all who have despised or rejected him.

He will not give back the sin of the world.

he will take it away . . .

into death, into hell, so that he can lead us into life.

Then he will go on again, in faith, towards the resurrection.

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SUNDAY OF HOLY WEEK

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS + THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

March 24, 2024

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE Partita on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" *Burkhardt*

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

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Mark 11:1-10

INTROIT Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates (Psalm 24) *Wesselowski*

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord, mighty in battle... The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: we greet you;

Leader: acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

People: we cheer you;

*Leader: moving from the peace of the countryside
to the corridors of power,*

People: we salute you: Christ our Lord!

Leader: You are giving the beast of burden a new dignity;

People: You are giving majesty a new face;

*Leader: You are giving those who long for redemption
a new song to sing.*

People: With them, with heart and voice, we shout

All: Hosanna!

Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland

*+HYMN 196 (stzs.1-3) All Glory, Laud, and Honor *Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

+Worshipers may be shown to their pews.

** Stand as you are able.*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 27:7-9, 13-14

*Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?*

People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

*Leader: They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.*

People: Such is the company of those who seek the Lord,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

All: Merciful God, we are bold to stand in Your holy
presence, for our hands are not clean
and our hearts are not pure. We lift up our souls to
the truth of Your grace; we enter Your gates with
contrition and confidence.
We seek Your face, turned to Jerusalem in courage
and turned to us in forgiveness.
We confess our shallow loyalties to Your calling,
our deep fears for our security,
our persistent apprehensions about Your way.
In Your mercy, move us to weep with Jesus for the
plight of the world;
in Your mercy, keep us in the joy of Your salvation.
In the name of Jesus Christ, 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*)

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

(OT 565)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made (Psalm 118)

Nun Danket All' Und Bringet Ehr'

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Burkhardt

Children and youth 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.

* HYMN OF DOXOLOGY 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

The children and youth leave to prepare for the Upper Room meal, waving palm branches.

THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

THE SCRIPTURES Mark 14:1-11

(NT 51)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Tale of Two Disciples"

Rev. Jean Dow

* HYMN 435 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

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INVITATION TO THE HOLY WEEK JOURNEY

ANTHEM

Ride On

Ives

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry, thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed. Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die, O Christ thy triumph now begin o'er captive death and sin. Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice. Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son. Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Maestoso in c minor

Vierne

**The children and youth will lead a procession
to The Upper Room at 11:15.
All are invited to follow the procession upstairs
for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.**

*The palms are given to the glory of God by Bob Schweers
in loving memory of
Ardys Hipke, her husband, Dr. Malcolm Hipke, and her sister, Lila L. Ine.*

*The children are carrying "eco-palms"
from suppliers practicing sustainable forestry and fair trade.*

*The paraments on the pulpit and lectern have been purple during Lent, symbolizing penitence.
Flowers will return to the Chancel in celebration of Easter
and "alleluia" will again resound next week as the Resurrection of the Lord is proclaimed.*

Welcome! Only coffee and tea will be served in the Parlor today so that worshipers may enjoy the **Upper Room Meal** following the service. Take your cup of coffee and follow the procession of children and youth to the Upper Room at 11:15. Coffee hosts are Ray and Claire Moulis.

Welcome Team members this morning are Kathleen Burchby and Pat Parks. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Church School for children and youth follows the Prayer of Thanksgiving. Today's classes are a preparation for The Upper Room Meal. Click <https://conta.cc/48Yt0yO> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information.

If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **187th anniversary** next month. 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.

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.

FROM PEW TO PULPIT

The Rev. Jean Dow

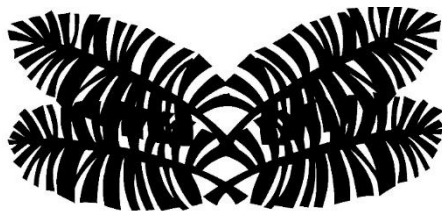
Today we welcome the Rev. Jean Dow, Immanuel's Associate Pastor Emerita, back to the pulpit as the final preacher in this month's "pew to pulpit" series. Ms. Dow served as one of Immanuel's associate pastors from 2001 to 2019. Her ministry focused on Christian education for children, youth, and adults and leading and supporting Immanuel's local, national, and international mission ministry. Since her retirement in 2019, Ms. Dow has developed a spiritual direction practice for individuals and groups. She is also a member of Immanuel's Chancel Choir and a tutor with Forward Scholars. Welcome back to the pulpit, Jean!

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

Holy Week and Easter

Do you know someone who is searching for a new church home? Do you have a friend, neighbor, or colleague who might like to explore questions of faith and meaning in a warm and welcoming congregation? Or, perhaps you'd simply like to share the congregation you love with the people who matter most to you. While the formal "advertising and inviting" work of the Membership Committee is important in raising Immanuel's profile in the community, newcomers respond most effectively to a *personal invitation* from someone they know. Postcard invitations are on the Great Hall tables today. Pick up a few and pass them on to friends and neighbors with a personal invitation to join you at Immanuel Church!

Thank you to this morning's volunteers: Ushers – Mark Connelly, Dick Myers, Steve Jacobs, and Bill LeFeber; Camera operator – Rabah Rennane.



WITH JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM Annual "Upper Room Meal" on Palm Sunday, March 24 for all members and friends

Mark's gospel tells the story of the first "Palm Sunday,"
and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with these words...

"Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy
branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead
and those who followed were shouting,

*'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!'*

Mark 11:8-10

On Palm Sunday, 2024 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.

Join us **TODAY** after worship in the Upper Room!
All are welcome!

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

The Passion According to Mark

Readings and special music

March 28 + Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Paulus Pilgrims' Hymn + Ferguson By Gracious Powers

Distler Weary of All Trumpeting

+

March 29 + Good Friday

7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae ("darkness")

Haydn The Seven Last Words of Christ

with string quartet

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March 30 + Holy Saturday

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

The Services of Light, the Word,

Baptism Remembrance, and Communion

March 31 + Resurrection of the Lord

9:45 Organ and Timpani prelude concert

10:00 Morning Worship;

Mr. Ater and Ms. Larson preaching

Thompson Alleluia + Widor Festival Alleluia

Rusch Easter Symphony

11:00 Formal Coffee Hour in the Parlor

GOOD FRIDAY GATHERING FOR CHILDREN

Friday, March 29 at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88388159304>

Good Friday can be a difficult part of the Holy Week story to engage with children; and yet, it is also a foundational piece of our Christian story. It's easy to want to skip this story, but with the right resources and support, we also have an invitation to teach our children about Good Friday with a central focus on the facts of the day without being overly violent. All Church School children are invited to join Ms. Larson on Zoom at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 29 to read through the story "Jesus Dies" in the *Growing in God's Love Story Bible*. We will create a safe space with trusted friends to ask questions, share reflections, and be reminded that Jesus' death is not the end of the story. The link to join the call is above and will be emailed to Church School families on Friday.

MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES

Order forms are on the Great Hall tables TODAY

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. Envelopes and forms are available TODAY on the Great Hall tables or click here to order online: https://bit.ly/IPC_EasterLilies2024. The last date to order is tomorrow, March 25.

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 7.

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE

MARCH LUNCHEON/LECTURE SERIES

"Speaking Truth to the Myths We Live By"

concluding on March 26 + 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

First Unitarian Society + 1342 N. Astor Street

The final speaker in the series this week is **Meg Kissinger**, a Pulitzer Prize finalist and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel alum, presenting "**Finally Talking About It: Mental Health's Myths & Realities.**" Parking is available at Immanuel. A simple vegetarian lunch is included with in-person registration. Remote access registration is also available. For more information and/or to register, contact the Interfaith Conference at 414-276-9050 or www.interfaithconference.org.

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

“CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM: THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL”

with Jim Wallis

Friday, April 5 + 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay + 819 E. Silver Spring Dr.

Jim Wallis, author of several books, including *God's Politics*, will offer a discussion on his latest book, *The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy* at the **United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay**. In this new book, scheduled to be released on April 2, Wallis argues that it's time to call out genuine faith – specifically the “Christian” in White Christian Nationalism – and invite all who can be persuaded to reject and help dismantle a false gospel that propagates white supremacy and autocracy. The event is free to attend. For more information and to register in advance, click here: https://bit.ly/IPC_Outting_JimWallisEvent. In 2019, Immanuel hosted Mr. Wallis for a similar presentation on his book *Christ in Crisis*. An Immanuel book discussion on the book was hosted in 2020.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

Interim Pastor Randy Bush

begins his ministry at Immanuel on April 14

With the recent retirement of Immanuel's longtime pastor, the Rev. Dr. Deborah Block, the congregation now moves into a time of transition. The Rev. Dr. Randall “Randy” Bush was introduced to the congregation as Immanuel's new interim pastor last month. Dr. Bush will begin his ministry at Immanuel on Sunday, April 14. For more information about him and his call to serve Immanuel, follow this link to Immanuel's website: <https://www.immanuelwi.org/ministers-and-staff>.

Do you have any questions about this time of transition in our life together?

Please feel free to reach out to one of the ministers or a member of the Human Resources Transition Team (Debbie Anderson, Jill Fahr, David Plank, Victor Plantinga, Sharon Rose). You may also send an email to the team at hr@immanuelwi.org.

YOUR OFFERING, here and afar

In addition to offerings during onsite worship:

1. **Mail a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202.
2. **Go to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scan this QR** (“Quick Response”) code with your smart phone camera for immediate connection to giving options on the Immanuel site.
4. **Text 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		PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
MARCH 24	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Jean Dow preaching
	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00	Coffee and tea in the Parlor
	11:15	Procession to the Upper Room Meal ; First-century meal, stories, the Lord's Supper
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Thursday	7:30	Maundy Thursday ; The Lord's Supper
Friday	4:30	Good Friday Gathering for Children ~ <i>virtual</i>
	7:30	Good Friday ; Service of Tenebrae
Saturday	7:30	Easter Vigil Services of Light, The Word, Baptism, Communion

NEXT SUNDAY		RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
MARCH 31	8:30	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	9:45	Organ and timpani prelude concert
	10:00	Easter Morning Worship ; Mr. Ater and Ms. Larson preaching
	11:00-12:00	Formal coffee hour in the Parlor
April 1		Easter Monday; Church Office Closed
April 4	6:00	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>conference room</i>

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

Available dates for Chancel flowers: If you would like to donate flowers on **April 28, May 5 or 26**, please contact 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.**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

(Psalm 118)

1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on

all God's own. Let heaven re - joice; let
ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
es of grace, who comes in this ac -
earth can raise! The high - est heavens in

earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24-29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

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



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



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