



IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  

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*transforming* tradition

When Jesus says,

‘The poor will always be with you’  
he’s actually quoting scripture -

Deuteronomy 15:10-11 which reads:

“Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so,  
for on this account the Lord your God will bless you  
in all your work and in all that you undertake.

Since the poor will always be with you on the earth,  
I therefore command you ‘Open your hand  
to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.’”

- The Table

(House Church Community, Davenport, IA)

The meaning of life is to find your gift.

The purpose of life is to give it away.

- Pablo Picasso

# MORNING WORSHIP

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Aria

Burkhardt

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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ps. 126)      The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

*Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,*

*People: We rejoiced and said, "The Lord has done great things for us."*

*Leader: May those who go weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.*

*People: As people redeemed by God, we give praise to the Lord.*

\* HYMN 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*Kingsfold*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Robert Ater

*Leader: If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for what God intends to give. Confident in God's graciousness, let us confess our sins together.*

*All: Purifying God, we are too comfortable with the way things are in our lives. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for not molding our lives toward your example of self-giving love and sacrifice. Help us be a fragrance in this world of true hope and joy.*

\* 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 629 (*the congregation sings*)

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast.  
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Lindsey McKee

THE SCRIPTURES II Corinthians 2:14-17

(NT 180)

Ephesians 4:31-5:2

(NT 194)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

*Rutter*

*The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.*

*He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.*

*He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,  
for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.*

*Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:*

*Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.*

*But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:*

*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Nancy Herro, clarinet

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Bush

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Ater

Mission Matters: Why & How

Elder Margaret Crowley

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

*Matthias*

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar (*Hymn 201*)

THE SCRIPTURES John 12:1-8 (NT 106)  
*Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Study in Contrasts" Dr. Bush

\* HYMN 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing *Sicilian Mariners*

\* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE Toccata in Seven *Rutter*

*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.*

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 **188<sup>th</sup> anniversary** this 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.

Worshippers are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Debbie Anderson, Paula Lewein, Debbie Whitmore, and Mary Walker. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Ashley and Matt Boedecker, and Lindsey McKee. 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/4luqtnx>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

## MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OUTING

Performance of *Brahm's German Requiem*

**THIS Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. + Tickets still available!**

**"Brahm's Talk" TODAY with Dr. Bush  
following worship in the Upper Room**

Inspired by last summer's "Monday Musicales" presentation on *Brahm's German Requiem* with Dr. Bush, a block of tickets for an upcoming performance of the piece were booked for Immanuel members and friends. Spots are still available! The cost of each ticket is \$40.00. Sign up and make a payment in the Parlor. Immanuel friends are invited to meet for dinner before the concert at 6:00 p.m. at the [Third Street Market Hall](#).

**Dr. Bush will reprise his "Brahm's talk" TODAY** following worship in the Upper Room. All are invited to gather for this condensed summary of Brahms' masterwork, whether or not you plan to attend the Friday concert.

### **ARE YOU NEW TO IMMANUEL?**

*Join us for one (or both!) of these upcoming events:*

**"IPC 101: An Introduction to Immanuel"**

**following worship on Sunday, April 27 at 11:15 a.m.**

Tour the church building, hear about Immanuel's ministries, and learn about what it means to be Presbyterian. The session will last approximately 45-60 minutes.

### **A Welcome and Orientation Event**

**following worship on Sunday, May 4 from 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Designed for new friends interested in nurturing a deeper Immanuel connection and/or considering membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear Immanuel's story and learn about our shared mission and ministry. For more information or to indicate an interest in attending either of these events, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Rev. Ater in the church office ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org), 414-276-4757).

### **EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES**

#### **Bayside Garden Center Fundraiser**

Eastside Senior Services (ESS) is sponsoring their annual Floral Fundraiser. Purchase a gift card for **Bayside Garden Center** and 15% will be donated to ESS to support its work. Place your order online at <https://essmilw.org/donate/> OR send a check to Eastside Senior Services, 1840 N. Prospect Ave, Box 216, Milwaukee, 53202. **Online orders and checks must be received by April 30.** Gift cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day. Immanuel has been a longtime mission partner of Eastside Senior Services, a neighborhood program which helps older adults on Milwaukee's East Side continue to live independently and in their own homes. Elder Julia Vosper serves on the ESS board on behalf of Immanuel Church.

# Lent 2025



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

### **“Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes”**

Soup supper in the Upper Room at 6:00,  
followed by table worship and the Lord’s Supper  
Conversation and Discussion at 7:00

This year’s theme, “Everything in Between,” has been an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed.

Each week a presenter with expertise and wisdom helped us engage the binaries of our lives and helped us to see that God is present in between.

**This week: April 9**

**“Lost & Found”**

**Facilitated by Dr. Bush and Immanuel’s Transition Team**

**+**

**IMMANUEL:**

**Identity + Community + Hospitality**

In our season of congregational transition, Interim Pastor Randy Bush and the newly commissioned Immanuel Transition Team will lead a conversation that asks and invites real dialogue about identity, community, and hospitality.

**Come for soup and worship at 6:00 *or* study at 7:00 *or* both!**

**The evening has been designed with flexibility in mind.**

Although not necessary, signing up in advance helps the cooks and ministers with planning. Sign up in the Parlor or click [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_LentSoupSuppers2025!](https://bit.ly/IPC_LentSoupSuppers2025!)

**MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES**

**Order form on the back cover**



# WITH JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM

Annual "Upper Room Meal" on Palm Sunday, April 13

for all members and friends

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

"As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. . .  
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully. . .

*'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!'"*

*Luke 19:36-38*

On Palm Sunday, 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 – **NEXT SUNDAY**

Palm Sunday + April 13 at 11:15 a.m.

Sign up **TODAY** in the Parlor, the Peaceable Kingdom, or  
online: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_UpperRoomMeal2025](https://bit.ly/IPC_UpperRoomMeal2025)

## 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 27.

## Participate in the process of nominating ELDERS AND DEACONS for Immanuel Church

The Church Nominating Committee is working to identify members for service on the **Session (governance; worship, education, mission)** and the **Board of Deacons (pastoral care)**. Nominees will be elected at the Annual Program Meeting on June 1; new elders and deacons will be ordained in June. Participate in the process by suggesting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The persons you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church and members who are currently serving are not eligible for election to another board. Please be specific about the person's gifts for a particular office. Nomination forms are on the Great Hall tables or may be submitted online: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_Nominations2024](https://bit.ly/IPC_Nominations2024).

*Mark your calendar and plan to worship with us for*

# Holy Week

at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

NEXT Sunday, April 13	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b>
10:00	Morning Worship
11:15	Upper Room Meal
April 17	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
7:30	The Lord's Supper
April 18	<b>Good Friday</b>
7:30	Service of Tenebrae
April 19	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
7:30	Easter Vigil
	Services of Light, The Word, Reaffirmation of Baptism, Communion
April 20	<b>Resurrection of the Lord</b>
10:00	Easter Morning Worship
	<i>Christ is Risen!</i>



## WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

April 6	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00	Coffee hour in the Parlor
	11:15	Brahm's <i>Requiem</i> Talk with Dr. Bush ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
April 7	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
April 8	5:00	Mission Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
April 9	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables, Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

### NEXT SUNDAY

April 13	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Upper Room Meal ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
April 14	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
April 17	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday + The Lord's Supper
April 18	7:30 pm	Good Friday + Service of Tenebrae ("darkness")
April 19	7:30 pm	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
	8:30	Coffee hour in the Parlor

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

Rev. Larson is away on vacation today. Tomorrow she will leave for Chicago to attend the Board of Pension's Regional Benefits Gathering on behalf of the Milwaukee Presbytery and will return to the office on Wednesday.

**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 – Mark Connelly, Dick Myers, Virginia Riggs, and Dave Salisbury; Camera operator – Rabah Rennane.

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.*



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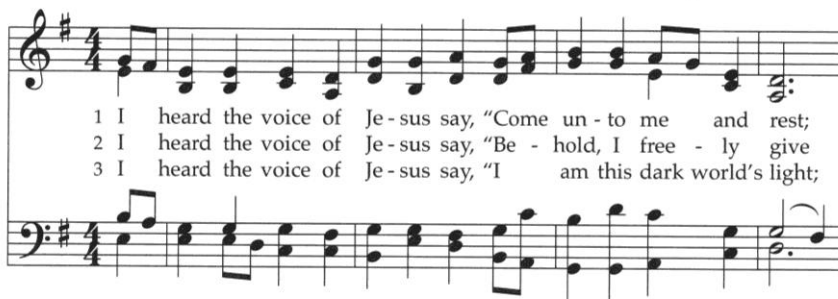
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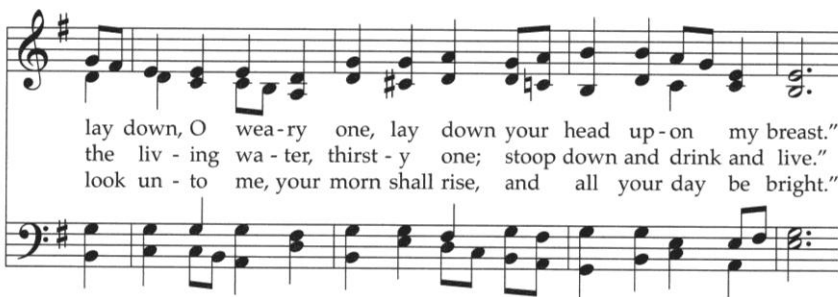
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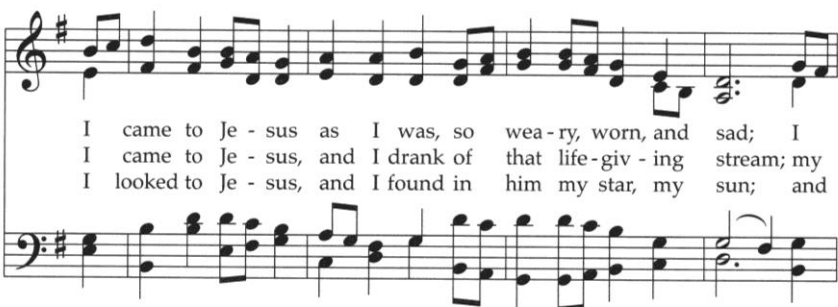
# 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



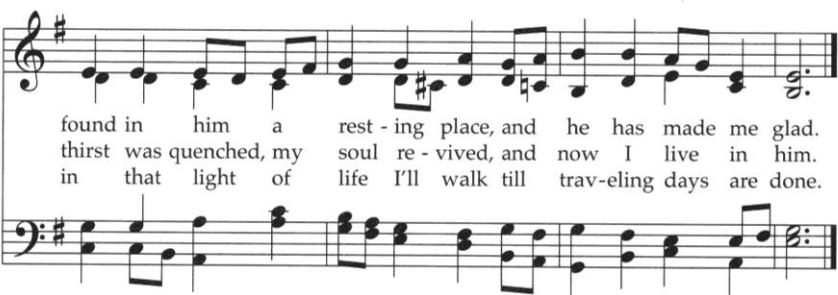
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

# 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.



# 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 14.*

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of lilies:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ **(amount due)**

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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***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/IPC\\_EasterLilies2025](https://bit.ly/IPC_EasterLilies2025).