



IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  

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*transforming* tradition

Come Unto Me

When the journey gets too hard,  
when we feel depleted,  
when our compassion  
    turns to complaining,  
when our efforts toward  
    justice and mercy  
    seem to get us nowhere,  
it's time to remember  
    the humility part –  
that it is God who has made us  
    and not we ourselves;  
that the saving of the world  
    or even one part of it  
    is not on our shoulders.  
It is then we can come unto him,  
    and he will give us rest.  
With rest we'll remember  
    what it is we are about.

Ann Weems  
*Kneeling in Jerusalem*

# MORNING WORSHIP

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE     Now Let the Vaults of Heaven Resound     *arr. Johnson*

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

### CHORAL INTROIT

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Robert Ater

*Leader:     Glory be to You,  
                  God, our strength and our redeemer.*

*People:     The vacant cross and the empty tomb  
                  vindicate Your claim  
                  that the love which suffers  
                  is the love which saves.*

*Leader:     So fill Your people with joy  
                  and Your Church with celebration  
                  that the world may know that Your son Jesus  
                  is not a dead hero we commemorate  
                  but the living Lord we worship,*

*All:           to whom with You and the Holy Spirit  
                  be our praise forever. Amen.*

*from the Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland*

\* HYMN 246    Christ Is Alive!

*Truro*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

*Leader:     We declare to you what was from the beginning,  
                  what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes,  
                  what we have looked at and touched with our hands,  
                  concerning the word of life –*

*People:     This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify  
                  to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with  
                  God and was revealed to us –*

*Leader:     This is the message we have heard and proclaim,  
                  that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.*

People: If we say that we have fellowship with God  
while we are walking in darkness,  
we lie and do not do what is true;

Leader: *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.*

People: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just  
will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1)

All: Everlasting God, by Your power and love  
Jesus Christ has been raised from death to new life.  
Yet, failing to recognize Your presence with us,  
we have felt abandoned;  
failing to affirm the resurrection in our lives,  
we have not embraced the possibilities of new life;  
failing to let Your love transform us,  
we have conceded to the powers of sin and death.  
Have mercy on us.  
Renew our faith, that we might embrace Your call  
to walk in newness of life, and to serve You with joy,  
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Larson

\* 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.

ANTHEM

Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

*Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! The kingdom of this  
world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever  
and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Larson

THE SCRIPTURES Deuteronomy 5:12-15

(OT 162)

Romans 12:1-2,9-18

(NT 161)

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Larson

\* HYMN 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

*Alleluia No. 1*

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Larson

Invitation from the Church Nominating Committee

Elder Carol Tsao

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION “One Great Hour of Sharing” Offering

*Leader: Gracious God, who has given us all things,  
we thank You for calling us to be stewards of these gifts.*

**People:** Open our ears again to that call, and our hearts  
to our neighbors around the world.

*Leader: In the name of the One who gave life to all,*

**People:** teach us to give, so that by our giving,  
we might become full; in our emptying,  
we might become whole.

*Leader: In the name of the One who shared life with us,*

**People:** teach us to share, accepting each other as children  
of the one human family.

*Leader: In the name of the One who opened the tomb,  
overcoming sin and death,*

**People:** open our hands in generosity and joyful service,  
and inspire in us a new sense of the global community  
in which we live.

*Leader: Strengthen and guide us to fulfill our human responsibility,  
to reach out to neighbors,  
to heal a broken world,  
and to rejoice in a life shared with others.*

**People:** In this One Great Hour of Sharing,  
make us confident of Your abiding care,  
as we pledge ourselves to a deepened commitment  
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## 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

O Son and Daughter of the King

*Dandrieu*

*Following the offertory, children, youth, and teachers  
gather at the font for the Prayer of Thanksgiving  
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 11:28-12:8

(NT 12)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Sabbath Gratitude”

Rev. Ater

### \* HYMN 432 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

*Repton*

### \* BENEDICTION

Rev. Ater

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus

*Gigout*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Mary Baum and family in memory of Clair Baum.  
His memorial service was held yesterday in the Sanctuary.*

After the postlude, a minister and elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.

## ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY

Today's service continues the celebration of Easter with scripture and sermon that highlight God's invitation to embrace sabbath rest and renewal. Associate Pastor Robert Ater will be on sabbatical leave from May 19 to September 1. Guided by some of the books referenced in today's sermon: *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives* by Wayne Muller, *The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel, and *Sabbath in the Suburbs: A Family's Experiment with Holy Time* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana, a 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. The congregation will offer a blessing for him on Sunday, May 18 followed by a special coffee hour hosted by the Human Resources Committee in the Parlor.

**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 Leslie Smart, Paula Lewein, Jim and Lynda Peterson. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Toni Jones, and Jim Schleif and Bill Morley. 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/42WoMrt>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

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

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

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

**TODAY, April 27 at 11:15**

*Gather at the Welcome Table (by the bulletin board) in the Great Hall.*

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 NEXT Sunday, May 4 from 11:15 am – 1:00 pm**

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, 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).

**Dr. Bush is away** on vacation this Sunday and will be attending a CREDO conference, an event for ministers sponsored by the Board of Pensions, through this week. He will return to the office on Tuesday, May 6.

**Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers:** Ushers – Virginia Riggs, Jeff McEathron, Paul Campbell, David Crysedale, and Mark Connelly; Camera operator – David Ravie.

## TELL YOUR IMMANUEL STORY

Starting TODAY, you 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 each week in the rear of the sanctuary (Narthex) beginning TODAY.

### VOICE RECITAL + THIS FRIDAY, May 2 + 7:30 pm

In partial fulfillment of her master's degree requirements, Evan Maxwell, one of our choir section leaders, will present a voice recital at Immanuel THIS Friday, May 2. Accompanied by our own Steve Jensen, this recital is free and open to the public. Congratulations, Evan!

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

Paper forms due TODAY

Online forms due Tuesday by noon

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)**. Participate in the process by suggesting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee **at their meeting this week**. The persons you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church; 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 due TODAY!** Drop your completed form in the tray on the Great Hall tables or **submit a name online by Tuesday at noon** at: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_Nominations2025](https://bit.ly/IPC_Nominations2025).

### MAKING SUNDAY MORNING HAPPEN:

*It takes you!*

The practice of gathering for worship on Sunday mornings is the center of our life together. Sunday mornings at Immanuel Church are meaningful *and busy*. There's more to be done that meets the eye! Will you help?

**Welcome Team** members greet worshippers at the church doors, answer questions, and offer directions. *Three or four welcome team members are needed each Sunday.*

**Ushers** welcome and seat worshippers in the Sanctuary. *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.*

If you would like to help, 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.

# PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

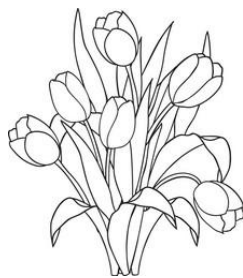
## *Opportunities for Mission and Service*

- ✦ Immanuel friends are invited to join our neighbors from the First Unitarian Church in this year's "**DAY WITHOUT IMMIGRANTS AND WORKERS**" march THIS Thursday, May 1. Marchers will gather at 9:30 a.m. at the Southeast corner of 7th Street and W. Historic Mitchell Street. Consider bringing a sign that identifies you as a person of faith and communicates something about what your faith says about loving neighbors, welcoming immigrants, and caring for one another. Bring snacks and water, too. The 2.6 mile walk is expected to bring a big crowd. Participants who are unable to walk may greet the marchers at 10:30 a.m. at the Federal Courthouse (517 E. Wisconsin Avenue). Email Rev. Rob Ater ([roberater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:roberater@immanuelwi.org)) with questions or to sign up.
- ✦ Again this year, **EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES (ESS)** is sponsoring a **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 THIS Wednesday, 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.
- ✦ Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** every quarter this year. The next dates are **Wednesday, May 14; Thursday, May 15; and Friday, May 16.** To participate, sign up for a particular date and menu item, prepare the food in your home, and deliver the meal to the center where the staff will serve it. If you wish to help serve, put "I want to serve" in the comment box on the sign-up form. To volunteer, go to [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_CathedralCenterMeals](https://bit.ly/IPC_CathedralCenterMeals) or contact the church office ([ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)). Questions may be directed to Bobbi Timberlake ([bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com](mailto:bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com)) or Rev. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)).
- ✦ 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 or you may donate online at: <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be dedicated TODAY.



# *Spring is Coming!*

*Mark your calendar  
for these upcoming Immanuel events*



## **THE IMMANUEL GARDENS ARE SPRINGING TO LIFE Spring Spruce-up Day + Saturday, May 10 + 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

The Immanuel Church grounds and gardens are a big part of the welcoming face we offer to the community. With the arrival of Spring, the Landscaping Team invites your help to clean up the church grounds, mulch, and prepare the gardens throughout the spring and summer. The first yard work day is May 10. Volunteers will clean up the grounds and spread mulch; the rain date is May 17. If you enjoy gardening or want to learn from some experienced gardeners, please join us for this cleanup/mulching day, and/or volunteer for weekly watering of a section of the landscape or individual planters.

Sign up today by going to [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_Gardens\\_SpringSpruceUp2025](https://bit.ly/IPC_Gardens_SpringSpruceUp2025) or signing up in the Parlor to join the landscaping team for 2025.

Please contact Keith Pierce at [kpierce46@gmail.com](mailto:kpierce46@gmail.com) if you'd like to sign-up to adopt a garden bed/plot to water and maintain throughout the season (or would like to learn more). Please use a subject line of "IPC Landscaping" in your e-mail.

## **"CREATION SUNDAY" + May 11**

The Church School children, youth, and teachers will celebrate Creation Sunday on May 11 with lessons and activities that celebrate the gift of God's good creation! Following worship, members and friends will be invited to join in the celebration and enjoy eating some "dirt cake," a favorite Creation Sunday treat.

## **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.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Rev. Ater preaching Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:10	Coffee hour in the Parlor
April 28	11:30	Meeting of the Board of Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
April 29	5:30	Nominating Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

### NEXT SUNDAY

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Rev. Larson preaching <b>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:10	Coffee hour in the Parlor
May 5	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
May 6	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

**Available date for Chancel flowers:** If you would like to sponsor the flowers for **June 15 or 22, or another date in 2025** (\$150 for the two arrangements 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.

# Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

# 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

*Refrain* E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name. *Fine*

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

# How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)  
 Eb Bb Cm Ab Eb Bb Eb

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more sure:  
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)  
 Ab Fm Bb Gm Cm Ab Fm

to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -  
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -  
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your  
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)  
 Bb7 Eb Bb7 C Fm Ab Bb7 Eb

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.  
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.



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



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