

May the strength of God pilot us, May the power of God preserve us, May the wisdom of God instruct us, May the hand of God protect us, May the hand of God direct us, May the way of God direct us, May the shield of God defend us, May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world.

St. Patrick (c. 389-461)

MORNING WORSHIP The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

Ten O' Clock

Patrick of Ireland

+ PRELUDE

Livre d'Orgue Dr. Stephen E. Carlton, organist DuMage

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.**

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, Leader: God's eye to watch, God's might to stay, God's ear to hearken to my need, the wisdom of my God to teach, God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward, the word of God to give me speech, God's heavenly host to be my guard. Christ be with me, Christ within me, People: Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Leader: Christ beneath me. Christ above me. Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, *Christ in hearts of all that love me,* Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. I bind unto myself the strong name of the Trinity People: by invocation of the same, Leader: the Three in One, the One in Three, of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation, A11: salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

*+ HYMN 702 Christ Be Beside Me

Bunessan

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

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader:	I am bending my knee			
	In the eye of the Father who created me,			
People:	In the eye of the Son who purchased me,			
Leader:	In the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me,			
All:	Through Thine own Anointed One, O God,			
	Bestow upon us fullness in our need.			
	O Lord God, destroy and root out			
	whatever the adversary plants in me, that with my			
	sins destroyed You may sow understanding and good			
	work in my mouth and heart; so that in act			
	and in truth I may serve only You and know			
	how to fulfill the commandments of Christ			
	and to seek Yourself. Give me memory, give me love,			
	give me chastity, give me faith, give me all things			
	which You know belong to the profit of my soul.			
	O Lord, work good in me, and provide me with what			
	You know that I need. Amen.			

Columbanus (c. 543-615; Irish missionary to Gaul)

* 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 he with us all

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* 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		Psalm 51:1-12	(OT 520)
		Jeremiah 31:31-34	(OT 735)
Leader:	The We	ord of the Lord.	
People:	Thank	s be to God.	

Variants on an Irish Hymn (Be Thou My Vision) ANTHEM

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my Salvation, my song and my praise; Be Thou my Vision this day and always.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 421 Have Mercy, God, upon My Life (Psalm 51)

Irish

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

"One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering: Self Development of People Program Elder Connie Goggin

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

Worshipers in the Sanctuary are invited to sign the red Friendship Folder in each pew and greet one another following the worship service.

Online worshipers are invited to indicate their "presence" by using the Virtual Worship Sign-in link: https://bit.ly/IPCVirtualWorshipSignIn

OFFERTORY

Trio

DuMage

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. THE SCRIPTURES John 12:20-33

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Columba's Covenant in a Coracle" Dr. John Helt

* HYMN 802 (stzs.1-4) The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Ps. 23)

St. Columba

Worshipers in the Sanctuary turn to the camera on the back wall so that online and onsite worshipers are facing one another for the closing hymn.

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Grand Dialogue

DuMage

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.

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

Welcome! Members and friends are invited to Coffee Hour in the Parlor. Coffee hosts are Anna Wolff and Jake Cusack, and Jill Johnson. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Margaret Crowley and Claire and Ray Moulis. 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 **187th 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 (<u>robertater@immanuelwi.org</u>) for more information about Immanuel or church membership.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** (infants and adults) will be part of the Easter Vigil Worship Service on Saturday evening, March 30. Please contact Ms. Larson (<u>teresalarson@immanuelwi.org</u>) if you would like to present a child for baptism or make a profession of faith.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is provided 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 the worship service.

Church School classes for children and youth follow the Prayer of Thanksgiving in The Peaceable Kingdom (lower level). Click <u>https://conta.cc/3v59LWk</u> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email.

FROM PEW TO PULPIT Today: 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. His biography of Lydia Hosto Niebuhr (subtitled "The Buried History of an Evangelical Matriarch") will be published by Wipf and Stock/Pickwick Press later this year.

FROM PEW TO PULPIT Next Sunday: The Rev. Jean Dow

Next Sunday, the Rev. Jean Dow, Immanuel's Associate Pastor Emerita, will return to the pulpit. 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.

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: <u>https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving</u>. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be dedicated on Sunday, April 7.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Mark Connelly, Dick Myers, and Dave Salisbury; Camera operator – Nancy Debbink.

LENT 2024 *"Transforming* Transitions" Wednesday evenings during Lent *concludes* this Wednesday, March 20

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

Through the lens of our current context of congregational transition, the weekly Lenten topics have shifted to helping us to consider ways change impacts our personal and communal lives.

This week: March 20 Understanding Change: Stress, Trauma, and Grief with Dr. Virginia Riggs, RN

Mental health nurse, professor, and Immanual member

Dr. Riggs brings years of experience as a mental health nurse and professor to this conversation on coping with change, stress, trauma, and grief. Through the lens of shared faith stories, she'll help us understand the differences between stress and trauma and different ways to approach the experience of grief.

Come for soup and worship at 6:00 *or* study at 7:00 *or* both! The evenings have been designed with flexibility in mind.

Although not necessary, signing up in advance helps the cooks and ministers in their planning. Sign up in the Parlor today, call the church office (414-276-4757) or click <u>https://bit.ly/IPC_LentSoupSuppers2024</u>!





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.

> All are invited Palm Sunday + March 24 at 11:15 a.m. Sign up TODAY in the Parlor or <u>https://bit.ly/IPC_UpperRoomMeal2024</u>

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

The Passion According to Mark Readings and choral anthems

March 28 + Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Ferguson *By Gracious Powers*

<u>March 29 + Good Friday</u> 7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae ("darkness") Haydn *The Seven Last Words of Christ* with string quartet

<u>March 30 + Holy Saturday</u> 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil The Services of Light, the Word, Baptism Remembrance, and Communion

<u>March 31 + Resurrection of the Lord</u> 9:45 Organ and Timpani prelude concert 10:00 Morning Worship; Mr. Ater and Ms. Larson preaching Alleluía (Thompson) + Festival Alleluía (Widor) Easter Symphony (Rusch) 11:00 Formal Coffee Hour in the Parlor

MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES Order form inside bulletin back cover

INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

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 (<u>https://bit.ly/Donate_InterchangeFoodPantry</u>) 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 (<u>ifpmilwaukee@gmail.com</u> or 414-551-2184) for volunteer information or to sign-up.

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE MARCH LUNCHEON/LECTURE SERIES "Speaking Truth to the Myths We Live By" *continuing* on March 19 and 26 + 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. First Unitarian Society + 1342 N. Astor Street

Each year, the Peace and International Issues Committee of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee sponsors a lecture series on the Tuesdays in March. This week's speaker, Lindsey Muscato, the O'Brien journalism fellow at Marquette University, will explore "How Artificial Intelligence (AI) Is Shaping the Way We Tell Stories & Share News."

Programs run from 11:45 until 1:30 at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 North Astor Street. Parking is available at Immanuel. Individual in-person lectures are \$20.00. 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 <u>www.interfaithconference.org</u>.

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

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: <u>https://www.immanuelwi.org/ministers-and-staff</u>.

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.

"CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM: THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL" with Jim Wallis Friday, April 6 + 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: <u>https://bit.ly/IPC_Outing_JimWallisEvent</u>. 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.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SURVEY RESULTS Over 65 participated! *Thank you!*

One of the significant (*and positive*) changes we've experienced in our worship life is the opportunity to attend worship online *or* virtually. Earlier this winter, virtual Immanuel worshipers were invited to respond to a brief survey to help Immanuel's special membership task force learn more about when, why, and how often people worship virtually. A bulletin announcement invited responses as well as a special invitation to everyone who had signed the "Virtual Worship Sign-in Sheet" in 2023. The survey included questions like: *Do you attend the virtual service instead of coming in-person? Why or why not? What do you like about worshiping virtually? What would make the virtual service more meaningful to you?*

This survey was one of the first projects of a **special membership task force** appointed by the Session last fall to explore the meaning of church membership in our congregation, in our wider community, and in our denomination. Members of the task force include: Sibyl McCarley, Lindsey McKee, Mike Gillard, and the ministers, from the Session; Steve Anderson, and "mostly virtual worshiper" Terry Lee-Docken.

Over 65 virtual worshipers responded (thank you)! The responses reflect an **overall appreciation for the opportunity to worship virtually**. Health challenges, geographic limitations, and competing commitments were all reasons cited that encourage people to worship virtually rather than in-person. The responses, including some related to possible improvements to the virtual production quality, will be included in the overall interim ministry evaluation process in the coming months. One immediate improvement made, based on a survey suggestion, is the inclusion of the hymns in the online bulletin so that virtual worshipers don't have to flip between the bulletin and a hymn document while worshiping online.

COVID GUIDANCE Masks and Updated Vaccines Strongly Encouraged by the Wisconsin Council of Churches

A recent communication from the Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) advised that "the current wave of COVID and other respiratory virus infections calls for increased caution and use of mitigation strategies." The council recommends masking as "the easiest, most effective way to prevent us from making one another sick," while also encouraging people to get the most up-to-date vaccine. Low vaccination rates are significant contributors to the current wave, according to the WCC, with just 19% of Americans having received the latest COVID shot.

Masks are welcomed and encouraged at Immanuel. Current and up-to-date vaccination status is required for all Immanuel employees, choir members, and members directly interacting with others such as teachers, ushers, greeters. The COVID Advisory Team will continue to review current guidelines and recommendations.

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.



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? Perhaps you'd like to begin *or resume* a practice of helping to make Sunday mornings happen at Immanuel Church! **Welcome Team** members greet worshipers at the church doors, answer questions, and offer directions. *Three or four welcome team members are needed each Sunday*. **Ushers** welcome and seat worshipers in the Sanctuary. *Four to six ushers are needed each Sunday*. **Ushers** welcome 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 (<u>ipc@immanuelwi.org</u>) to indicate your interest in serving in one or more of these ministries of hospitality at Immanuel Church.

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	
MARCH 17	8:55	Choir rehearsal	
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>	
	10:00	Morning Worship; Rev. Dr. John Helt preaching	
1	0:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~	
		The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level	
Monday	4:00	Adult Education Committee ~ virtual	
, e	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ Choir Room, lower level	
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of Session ~ Block Conference Room	
Wednesday	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at table,	
2	7:00	study and discussion ~ Upper Room	
Thursday	11:00	Building Maintenance Committee ~ <i>virtual</i>	
c .	noon	Meeting of the Board of Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>	
	6:15	Transition Team Meeting ~ virtual	
NEXT SUNDAY		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 ~	
		The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level	
	11:00	Coffee and tea in the Parlor	
	11:15	Procession to the Upper Room Meal;	
		First-century meal, stories, the Lord's Supper	
March 25	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>	
March 28	7:30	Maundy Thursday; The Lord's Supper	
March 29	7:30	Good Friday; Service of Tenebrae	
March 30	7:30	Easter Vigil	
		Services of Light, The Word, Baptism, Communion	
SUNDAY		RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	
MARCH 31	10:00	Easter Morning Worship;	
	20:00	Mr. Ater and Ms. Larson preaching	
	11:00	Formal Easter Coffee Hour	

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.**



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, March 25.

Your Name:		
Number of lilies:	x \$28.00 =	(amount due)
In memory of:		

Make checks payable to Immanuel Presbyterian Church and note "Easter lily" in the memo.

If you prefer, you may order online at: <u>https://bit.ly/IPC_EasterLilies2024</u>.



This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985 Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D



Psalm 51, paraphrased here, has traditionally been known as one of the seven penitential psalms, and it is used annually on Ash Wednesday. But this psalm is not just about human sinfulness; it is also about God's willingness to forgive and restore sinners. That is good news.



- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

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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