



IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  

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*transforming tradition*

*Sometimes I feel like a motherless child...a long ways from home.*  
~ African-American spiritual

*Grief is an energy that wants to move through the body; in our loss-avoidant culture, we fight against this.*  
~ Lauren DePino

*All paradises, all utopias, are defined by who is not there, by the people who are not allowed in.*  
~ Toni Morrison

*I tell my students, "When you get the jobs you have been so brilliantly trained for, just remember that your real job is that if you are free, you need to free somebody else. If you have power, then your job is to empower somebody else. This is not just a grab-bag candy game.*  
~ Toni Morrison

*Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble...tremble... tremble... Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*  
~ African American spiritual

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

September 29, 2024

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE                                      My Lord What a Morning                                      *arr. Kim*

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

INTROIT    Amazing Grace    Coates

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ps. 124)                                      The Rev. Randall Bush

*Leader: If it had not been for God, who was on our side, we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us; we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.*

**People:** Blessed be the Lord, our protector!

*Leader: God has broken the snare that took away our freedom. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

**People:** Blessed be God's holy name!

\* HYMN 792    There is a Balm in Gilead                                      *Balm in Gilead*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION                                      The Rev. Teresa Larson

*Leader: Lord, you created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful: in every person, in every race is your image. But too often we fail to recognize your image in all. Lord, have mercy.*

**All:**    You created us in divine freedom, to be free; to act in such a way that every decision reflects your justice, and every word expresses your peace and loving-kindness. Too often that has not been so. Christ, have mercy.

*Leader: In the fullness of time, you came to us in Jesus to show us a better way. But we chose the path of sinfulness, the way of the cross Jesus bore. Lord, have mercy.*

**All:**    Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil.  
          Open our hearts to desire good over evil.  
          Strengthen our wills to choose good over evil, so that we may create among us your beloved community.  
          Lord, grant us your peace. Amen.

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\* Stand as you are able.

\* 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Precious Lord  
Cynthia Cobb, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Robert Ater

THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 30:1-5

(OT 505)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Soon Ah Will Be Done

Dawson

*Soon ah will be don' a wid de troubles ob de worl', goin' home t' live wid God.*

*I wan' t' meet my mother, I'm goin' t' live wid God.*

*Soon ah will be don' a wid de troubles ob de worl', goin' home t' live wid God.*

*No more weepin' an' a wailin'; I'm goin' t' live wid God.*

*Soon ah will be don' a wid de troubles ob de worl', goin' home t' live wid God.*

*I wan' t' meet my Jesus, I'm goin' t' live wid God.*

*In de mornin' Lord! I'm goin' t' live wid God.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Ater

\* HYMN 52 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

Go Down Moses

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Larson

Common Ground GOTV Campaign

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

Steal Away Home

*After the offertory, children are invited to come forward  
and join hands around the font for prayer.*

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 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me  
Cynthia Cobb, soloist

THE SCRIPTURES Mark 15:25-41 (NT 54)  
*Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Singing About Some Kind of Tomorrow" Dr. Bush

\* HYMN 66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit *Pentecost*

\* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE Every Time I Feel the Spirit Moving in My Heart

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Kate and Dave Perry  
in fond memory of their parents, Mary and Mansel Senn and Mary and Robert Perry.*

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

**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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September 29, 2024

# Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, September 29, 2024

*Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 187<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Welcome Team** members this morning are Keith and Eileen Pierce 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 the worship service. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information: <https://conta.cc/4ewUoXN>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

## BRUEGGEMANN AND NIEBUHR: Links between Theological Giants

### TODAY, September 29 + 11:15 a.m. – noon in the Upper Room

Join the Rev. Dr. John Helt for a special adult education conversation on two pivotal American church leaders: Walter Brueggemann and Lydia Hosto Niebuhr. He will share material from his recently published book, *Lydia Hosto Niebuhr: The Buried History of an Evangelical Matriarch*, and from Dr. Conrad Kanagy's recent biography, *Walter Brueggemann's Prophetic Imagination*. Copies of each book will be available for purchase for \$10 each. An "Immanuel Reads" of Dr. Helt's book is being organized this fall. Questions? Email Rev. Larson ([teresalarson@immanuelwi.org](mailto:teresalarson@immanuelwi.org)).

## DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE + TODAY

Immanuel joins 140+ Milwaukee organizations in opening our doors for special tours and hospitality. Through Immanuel's participation in this event over the last thirteen years, Immanuel has welcomed **over 5,500 visitors** into our church home! Thank you to the nearly fifty Immanuel hosts, led by Elder Lindsey McKee and Rev. Ater, who offered Immanuel's warm hospitality this weekend. *A few more volunteers are still needed for this afternoon. Let Rev. Ater know if you can help!* Pick up one of Immanuel's "Doors Open Milwaukee" welcome booklets today in the Great Hall. Mr. Jensen will offer a mini organ recital at 12:30 today. More information about the event is available at: <https://historicmilwaukee.org/doors-open/>

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**NEXT Saturday, October 5 + 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**on Immanuel's Astor Street steps**

Immanuel friends and neighbors are invited to stop by the Immanuel Church steps with your pet(s) on Saturday morning, October 5, anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 for a brief blessing. Any pet that can be safely and happily brought to church will be welcomed. A prayer for each pet will be offered adapted from the "Blessing of the Animals" service in the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship. 2-3 volunteers are needed to help host the gathering and offer tours of the church to humans. Please contact Rev. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) with questions or to offer to help host. If the Saturday date and time are inconvenient, Dr. Bush will be participating in the "Blessing of the Animals" service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (914 E. Knapp St.) on Wednesday, October 2 at 5:00 pm, to which Immanuel pets are also welcome!

## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**The Rev. Brian Sonderman,  
CEO of Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity  
NEXT Sunday, October 6**

On October 6, Immanuel Church will once again join congregations around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday. This annual observance acknowledges and affirms our unity with Christian siblings throughout the world. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Brian Sonderman, the CEO of Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity as the organization celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. We'll also mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Presbyterian Coalition, that Immanuel helped start. In thirty years, the Presbyterian Coalition has helped to build or rehab thirty homes and raised over a million dollars for Habitat! **In addition to preaching, Rev. Sonderman will offer a post-worship update on Milwaukee Habitat's plans for the coming years at a special Coffee Hour in the Upper Room hosted by the Mission Committee.**

## **"SECOND SUNDAY": PASTRIES WITH PARENTS**

**Sunday, October 13 at 11:15 (following Church School)**

On the second Sunday of each month, Church School families gather for a special activity of worship, fellowship, and service. Next month, parents, grandparents, and other friends of Immanuel Church School children and youth are invited to gather in the lower level's Peaceable Kingdom. Rev. Larson and the Church School Committee will provide an overview of our ministries, introduce new resources to practice faith at home, and facilitate conversation and connection with parents over pastries and juice. Please join us!

## **“CHURCH CHAT” - October 13 at 9:00 a.m.**

Join Dr. Bush in the Upper Room for our next pre-worship conversation as we explore the important topic of annual budgets and the changing requirements related to ministerial compensation.

### **DEMOCRACY MATTERS**

#### **Common Ground + Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Campaign**

##### **Canvass with Common Ground in Public Housing**

Sign Up: [tinyurl.com/CGGOTV2024](https://tinyurl.com/CGGOTV2024)

Give canvassing a try! Our style of relational, nonpartisan canvassing is fun. Common Ground provides all the materials, the training, the snacks, and a partner. The group gathers at the end of the shift to share stories and celebrate our impact. We canvass most weekends and occasional weekdays. Pick the time and place that works best for you.

Canvassing also provides an opportunity to meet people living in public housing and hear their stories firsthand. Common Ground has been organizing with public housing residents for two years. Canvassing includes informing residents about how they can now call the City if the Housing Authority isn't taking care of their maintenance needs (a change won by Common Ground's organizing campaign!). Residents are grateful for the information and support. See the flyer we give residents [https://bit.ly/CG\\_HousingFlyer](https://bit.ly/CG_HousingFlyer).

##### **Register voters at Interchange Food Pantry**

Sign Up: [https://bit.ly/CG\\_VoterRegistration2024](https://bit.ly/CG_VoterRegistration2024)

Immanuel and Village Lutheran Church are partnering with Common Ground to register voters at the Interchange Food Pantry. Immanuel shifts are: Tuesday (2-4 p.m.), Wednesday (4-6 p.m.), Thursday (9:30-11:30 a.m.). All volunteers will be provided with training and resource materials in advance of their shift. A cell phone or tablet with internet access is needed. Sign up today at the link above or at the sign-up table in Parlor.

Questions about Common Ground or this Get Out the Vote campaign? Stop to see Margaret Crowley in the Parlor today or contact Rev. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) in the Church office.

#### ***“Thank you!” from Rev. Rob Ater***

Thank you, Immanuel Church, for a wonderful celebration of our twenty years of ministry together last Sunday. The words of gratitude shared by colleagues and congregational leaders were so meaningful. The reception with favorites like deviled eggs, sticky buns, delicious cake and beautiful flowers was lovely. There was even a photo display. I am particularly grateful for the many cards, notes, and personal greetings I received from so many of you! Thank you to the members of the Human Resources Committee, the Coffee Hour Team, and my wonderful colleagues for a meaningful and memorable morning.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

		<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
SEPTEMBER 29	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-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>
	11:15-noon	Adult Education Lecture with the Rev. Dr. John Helt ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	11:15-5:00	"Doors Open Milwaukee" tours
October 1	10:30	Insurance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <i>Block conference room</i>
October 5	10:00-11:00	Blessing of the Animals ~ <i>Astor Street steps</i>

### NEXT SUNDAY

		<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
OCTOBER 6		<b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>
	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Rev. Brian Sonderman preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15-noon	Habitat for Humanity Adult Education Presentation <i>~ Upper Room</i>

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

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

Randall K. Bush	Interim Pastor
Robert W. Ater	Associate Pastor
Teresa A. Larson	Associate Pastor
Susan J. Stoll	Part-time Associate Pastor for spiritual care
Deborah A. Block	Pastor Emerita
William H. Johnstone	Pastor Emeritus
Jean Dow	Associate Pastor Emerita
Steven J. Jensen	Organist
John S. Komasa	Choir Director
Crystal Stinemates	Program and Office Administrator
Sarah Campbell	Part-time Financial Administrator
Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton
James C. Fisher	Parish Associate
Sister Karlyn Cauley	Ecumenical Associate



# There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

*Fine*

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but  
 2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and  
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

*to Refrain*

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a  
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a  
 tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

# When Israel Was in Egypt's Land 52

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;  
2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!  
3 "No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!  
4 O let us all from bond - age flee; let my peo - ple go!

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!  
If not, I'll smite your first - born dead. Let my peo - ple go!"  
Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil: let my peo - ple go!"  
And let us all in Christ be free: let my peo - ple go!

## Refrain

Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gypt's

land; tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo - ple go!

Nothing in Hebrew Scripture resonated more deeply with the experience of African Americans in North America than Israel's slavery in Egypt. In this spiritual's recurring line, "Let my people go," past and present became one, as they still do for all who are oppressed.

## 66

## Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's

2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so

bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

*to Refrain*

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

TEXT: African American spiritual

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Joseph T. Jones, 20th cent.; adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989

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PENTECOST

Irregular