



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*Divine mercy does not ask
the worth of the recipient.
It only sees the need.
- Frederick W. Danker*

*I walked alone, I heard your cry.
I came to you instead of passing by.
The Spirit binds, our voices blend;
no longer strangers,
we're sisters, brothers, friends.
- Donald S. Marsh*

*All of us, at some time or other, need help.
Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one
of us has something valuable to bring to this
world. That's one of the things that connects us
as neighbors – in our own way, each one of us
is a giver and a receiver.
- Mister Rogers*

* 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 *(the congregation sings)*

The Lord is God, the Lord alone!

Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things
and giver of our days.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

THE SCRIPTURES Leviticus 19:15-18

(OT 106)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

(OT 163)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Variants on an Irish Hymn

arr. Beck

*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

Dr. Bush

* HYMN 432 How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Ater

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

Hymn

H. Cowell

Pasquale Laurino, violin John Komasa, piano

*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 Luke 10:25-37 (NT 71)
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” Rev. Larson

- * HYMN 727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant *The Servant Song*
Substitute “neighbor” for “servant” in stzs 1,6

- * BENEDECTION AND RESPONSE Rev. Larson

POSTLUDE Rondo in G Major *John Bull*

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.

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



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Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, March 16, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 188th 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.

Worshippers are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Susan Kraeblen, Sue and Rabah Rennane. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Kate and Dave Perry, and Leslie Davis. 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/3DKvJSF>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

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

WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel?

Join us for a Membership Welcome and Orientation

Please go to https://bit.ly/IPC_MembershipWelcome_Spring2025 and let the Session know of your interest and availability on three possible

Sundays: April 27, May 4, or May 11

following worship from 11:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Designed for new friends considering church membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear our story and learn about our shared mission and ministry. Childcare available. For more information about church membership or this event, please speak with Rev. Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

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

In Memoriam

Clair Baum died on March 2 at his home at St. John's on the Lake. Clair had been an active participant in the life of the congregation since his wife Mary joined in 2009. A memorial service will be held in the Immanuel Sanctuary on Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception immediately following hosted by the family at St. John's on the Lake. Our prayers and sympathies are with the Baum family.

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," is 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 will help us engage the binaries of our lives and help us to see that God is present in between.

THIS WEEK: March 19

Community Organizing with Common Ground Facilitated by Gabriela Dieguez and Kevin Solomon

Come hear the story of Common Ground's organizing efforts with Milwaukee's Latino and immigrant community and our public housing neighbors. Gabriela and Kevin both organize on Milwaukee's south side where Gabriela is a clinical social worker at the 16th Street Community Health Center. Kevin is Common Ground's associate organizer.

**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 with planning. Sign up in the Parlor or click https://bit.ly/IPC_LentSoupSuppers2025!

Upcoming Topics

Brochures with more details are on the Great Hall Tables.

March 26 - Rest & Growth: Caring for yourself spiritually in unsteady times
– Rev. Jean Dow, Associate Pastor Emerita and Spiritual Director

April 2 - Righteousness & Mercy: Peacemaking through nonviolence
– Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

April 9 - Lost & Found: In a time of church transition, asking real questions about identity, community, and hospitality
– Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Immanuel Transition Team

CONFESSING THE FAITH IN UNSTEADY TIMES
An Exploration of the *Theological Declaration of Barmen*
and the *Confession of Belhar*

Sundays, March 23 and 30 + 11:15 in the Upper Room

Throughout the history of the Christian movement, churches have written confessions of faith (a public declarations of what a church believes) when they have sensed an urgent and emerging need to share their convictions in response to changing cultural landscapes. Two of these confessions will be explored in an upcoming adult education series. On March 23, Rev. Dr. John Helt will lead an exploration of the Theological Declaration of Barmen, written in 1934 in response to the rise of Nazism in Germany. On March 30, Dr. Bush will discuss the Confession of Belhar, written in 1986 in response to apartheid in South Africa. Copies of each confession are on the tables in the Great Hall. Reading the confessions beforehand is not required to participate in the series.

SAVE THE DATE

Parish Life Council outing to the Milwaukee Symphony
Orchestra's performance of *Brahm's Requiem*
Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Inspired by last summer's "Monday Musicales" presentation on *Brahm's Requiem* with Dr. Bush, a block of tickets for an upcoming performance of the piece were booked for Immanuel members and friends. Tickets will be available for \$40.00 each beginning next Sunday, March 23. Dr. Bush will reprise his "Brahm's talk" on Sunday, April 6 following worship in the Upper Room.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS INVITED!

Share ideas for upcoming "Immanuel Reads" offerings
with the Adult Education Committee

Many thanks to Dr. Greg Baer for leading an engaging "Immanuel Reads" conversation on the novel *James* by Percival Everett for over 30 readers last Monday! Do you have a recommendation for upcoming "Immanuel Reads" offerings? Please send them to Rev. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) to be passed on to the Adult Education Committee. Stay tuned for more reading opportunities soon!

INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Today is Interchange Food Pantry (IFP) Sunday when we lift up the ministry of this longtime mission partner. Located at the Village (Lutheran) Church at Juneau and Edison, IFP is one of only a few city-wide pantries.

Use the yellow food pantry envelopes in the pew racks, follow this link (https://bit.ly/Donate_InterchangeFoodPantry) to make an online contribution, or send a check to the church office (payable to the Interchange Food Pantry). Volunteers are always needed to unpack and sort food and serve guests. Contact the pantry staff (interchangeoffice@gmail.com or 414-551-2184) to sign-up.

The Lord Is God

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1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord Is God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with line numbers 1 through 4 corresponding to the first system and the continuation of the lyrics in the second system.

This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38/Mark 12:28–29/Luke 10:26–28).

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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.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
(repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 16	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Larson preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
Monday	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	7:00	Church School Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Wednesday	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables,
	7:00	Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Saturday	9:00	Transition Team meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

NEXT SUNDAY		THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 23	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
March 24	11:30	Board of Trustees meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	7:00	Nominating Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>

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.

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