



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*How often, making music we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound*

Alleluia!

Fred Pratt Green

MORNING WORSHIP

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 2023

Ten O' Clock

*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.

Our end of summer Hymn Sing has been a tradition since 1997.
The hymns were selected by the congregation;
they are arranged according to the order of worship.
The printed commentary (*in italics*) is from
the Presbyterian Church (USA) *Book of Common Worship (revised 2018)*.

"Worship begins as the people gather... offering music to the glory of God."

+ PRELUDE Fantasy on "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" Post

CALL TO WORSHIP

*+ HYMN OF PRAISE 1 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty *Nicaea*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 147

*Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.*

People: The Lord builds up the devastated
and gathers the outcasts,
heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

*Leader: Great is our God, and abundant in power;
God's understanding is beyond measure.*

People: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving and make melody,
for God takes pleasure in those who hope
in this steadfast love.

All: Holy God, we praise Your name. Your great
faithfulness is the eternal song, permeating the
silence of our souls and persisting in the discord of

+ *Worshipers entering the Sanctuary may be seated by an usher.*

* *Worshipers in the Sanctuary may stand, as able.*

our sin. Our noises have not been joyful, but ungrateful and hurtful, unfaithful and hateful, working dissonance where Your love seeks harmony. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* 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 be with us all.

*+ HYMN 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound *Amazing Grace*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*"Scripture may also be presented through music ...
Psalms, canticles, alleluias, songs of praise, or other musical responses
may accompany the reading of the Word."*

THE SCRIPTURES Isaiah 6:1-8 (OT 636)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN 69 Here I Am, Lord *Here I Am*

THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 26:26-30 (NT 29)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION "When they had sung the hymn ..." Dr. Block

* HYMN 15 All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

stanza 1 **all voices** sing

stanza 2 **tenors, baritones, basses** sing

stanza 3 **sopranos and altos** sing

stanzas 4-6 **all voices** sing

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Book of Common Worship*

Response after each intercession: "Hear our prayer."

*"There are many ways to pray ... Prayer may be spoken, silent, sung...
The singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs is a vital and ancient form of prayer."*

* HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision *Slane*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

Micah 6:6-8

HYMN 70 (*seated*) What Does the Lord Require of You? *Moon*
(Sing *twice*, as a canon)

West side: "What does the Lord require of you?"

Center: "Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God."

East side: "To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God."

OFFERTORY Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Manz*
Children present are invited to come forward and join hands around the font for prayer, and then return to sit with their families.

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.

* HYMN 340 This Is My Song *Finlandia*

REFLECTION "This Is Our Song" *Dr. Block*
"Through the sermon, we encounter Jesus Christ in God's Word, are equipped to follow him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the gospel to others through our words and deeds... Other forms of proclamation include song."

* HYMN 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

"Responding to the Word proclaimed ... a congregational song, anthem, or other musical response may serve as an affirmation of faith."

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

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 687 (*stzs. 1 and 6*) Our God, Our Help in Ages Past *St. Anne*
"Closing hymns, psalms, or spiritual songs send us out to live the gospel by God's grace."

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "St Anne"

Manz

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Thomas and Karen (McGarvie) Watson
in loving memory of our parents, Douglas and Lois Seeger McGarvie.*

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 Martha Mainland, John and Sara Hein, and Trent and Joell Poole. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Dan and Laura Yocum and Pat Parks. 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 **186th 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 (robertater@immanuelwi.org) for more information about Immanuel or church membership.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is paused for today, and will resume next Sunday, September 3. There is a "**crying room**" **on the second floor** with sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship. Regular weekly Church School classes for children and youth will resume on Sunday, September 10.

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

Although it's always the right time to invite a friend to church, **September 10** is a great time. (*Details on the next page!*) Do you have a friend, colleague, or family member you would like to introduce to Immanuel Presbyterian Church? Church newcomers most often visit for the first time because someone personally invited them. Consider who in your life might value an invitation to explore their faith in this community. If you know someone who would appreciate a personal invitation from one of the ministers, please contact Mr. Ater (414-276-4757).

GATHER IN and BEGIN !

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Reconnect, restart, and celebrate life together

A new program year begins on September 10 and all are invited to celebrate a new season in the life and ministry of Immanuel Church.

- + We begin by reaffirming that we are claimed by God's grace and called to God's community. **The Sacrament of Baptism** will be celebrated during the worship service that morning. Parents wishing to present children for baptism and adults who would like to make a profession of faith should speak with one of the ministers.
- + **The Immanuel Chancel Choir** will return to the loft and invites you to share the joy of choral singing and participating in this important part of our worship. On September 10, the Choir will rehearse at 8:45 a.m. Subsequent rehearsals will be on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room (lower level). There's a robe for you!
- + **Church School** for children and youth will resume that Sunday. Teachers for 2023-24 will be commissioned and the start of the school year will again be celebrated with a "Blessing of the Backpacks."
- + It's Sundae Sunday! The worship service will be followed by the annual **Ice Cream Social**. Enjoy a sundae and the company of new and old church friends. Servers, hosts, and runners are needed to assist with hosting. If you would like to help, please sign up in the Parlor or follow this link: https://bit.ly/IPC_IceCreamSocialHelpers2023.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

Following last spring's announcement by Dr. Block and the Session that she will retire at the end of 2023, the Session directed its Human Resources Committee to search for an interim pastor to guide the congregation and staff through the assessments and planning required in a transition of pastoral leadership. A candidate has been selected and was unanimously approved by the Session on Tuesday evening; an announcement to the congregation will be made in mid-September.

"CELEBRATION SUNDAYS"

History ... Herstory ... Our Story

We look forward to celebrating our 45+ years of ministry with Dr. Block throughout the coming months. A series of special observances is being planned, including:

Celebrating Congregational Song – Today's Hymn Sing

Celebrating Our Ministries in Christian Education – September 17

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell preaching

Celebrating Our Denominational Connections – October 1

World Communion Sunday; The Rev. Dr. John Wilkinson preaching

Celebrating Women in Ministry – October 22

**A CELEBRATION SUNDAY:
OUR MINISTRIES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

With special guest, the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth F. Caldwell

On September 17, Immanuel Church will welcome the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth F. Caldwell as we celebrate our ministries in Christian education for all ages. Dr. Caldwell is Professor Emerita of Educational Ministry and Pastoral Theology at McCormick Theological Seminary and a longtime friend and colleague of Dr. Block. On that Sunday we will commission the 2023-24 confirmation class and present Bibles to young children, fourth graders, and confirmands. Dr. Caldwell is the author of *Growing in God's Love, A Story Bible*, enjoyed by our younger members and their families. Her latest of numerous books is *Pause, Spending Lent with the Psalms*. In addition to preaching on September 17, Dr. Caldwell will give a presentation following worship on the importance of nurturing lifelong Christian formation. Christian education for all ages has been a significant part of Dr. Block's ministry since she began her call at Immanuel Church in 1978. Please join us for this special celebration Sunday.

**NEW TO IMMANUEL?
Would like to learn more?**

Please join us **Sunday, September 24 after worship for**
"IPC 101: An Introductory Tour of Immanuel Church."

Interested persons are invited to gather at the Welcome Table in the Great Hall at 11:15 to tour the church building, hear about Immanuel's ministries, and what it means to be a Presbyterian. The tour will last until approximately noon. For more information or to indicate an interest, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Mr. Ater in the church office (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

**MEMBERSHIP TODAY and TOMORROW
Special Task Force Formed**

The unfolding consequences of the pandemic and even larger cultural shifts in church membership and religious affiliation pose challenges and opportunities for "being church" in this new day. The Immanuel Session has appointed a special task force to explore the meaning of church membership in our congregation, in our wider community, and in our denomination. Some of the questions the group will consider are: What does Immanuel Church membership look like today? What might it look like tomorrow? In the spirit of "transforming tradition," what adaptive changes will equip us for continuing faithfulness and vitality? How will changes in technology impact the way people connect with the Church?

Do you have questions you'd like to add to the list? Please reach out to Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org). Members of the task force are Steve Anderson, Mike Gillard, Terry Lee-Docken, Sibyl McCarley, Lindsey McKee, and the ministers.



“DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE”

September 23 and 24

On **September 23 & 24** Immanuel will join 125+ Milwaukee organizations in opening our doors for special tours and hospitality. Sponsored by Historic Milwaukee, *Doors Open Milwaukee* will open buildings of all kinds, throughout Milwaukee, free of charge, allowing the public to explore new places and hidden areas usually off-limits to visitors. Through Immanuel’s participation in this event over the last eleven years, Immanuel has welcomed **over 5,000 visitors** into our church home! **Would you like to help host the event this year? Immanuel volunteers** are invited to serve as building hosts and tour guides on both days. Sign-up today in the Parlor or by clicking here: https://bit.ly/IPC_DoorsOpen2023 or contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757). More information about the event is available at: <https://historicmilwaukee.org/doors-open/>. Sponsored by Historic Milwaukee, Doors Open Milwaukee is now in its 13th year! Immanuel is grateful to have been a part of this popular event from the beginning.

A NEW MESSAGE from the COVID Advisory Team

The COVID Advisory Team met this week to review current guidelines and recommendations. Rising rates of positivity and hospitalizations across the country are being monitored. The current predominant strains are giving generally less severe symptoms, more closely mimicking other respiratory viruses (including congestion, sneezing and headache), and less severe cough or fever. This makes testing important to differentiate, and to isolate as needed.

A new booster protective against the current circulating strains is expected to be available in late September or early October. COVID cases are anticipated to peak again from December to February, and the vaccine (and booster) is most protective in the first three months after a dose.

Masking is always welcomed, and is especially encouraged if the regional positivity rates reach 10% (as they have in other regions of the country). Please inform the Immanuel Church office if you test positive within 72 hours of attending an in-person church gathering.

MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Work on this year’s Presbyterian Coalition home (3049 N. 6th Street) continues into the fall. Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, September 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to help lay flooring. Would you like to help?** Register at: <http://groups.mkehabitat.volunteerhub.com/events/index> (group name is Presbyterian Coalition). Volunteers must be 16 and older. If you have questions about volunteering or need help registering, contact Scott Silet (sasilet@gmail.com) or Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).



GOING PUBLIC ABOUT PUBLIC HOUSING

Public Hearing on the Housing Authority's Rent Mismanagement

TOMORROW: Monday, August 28

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church
1345 W. Burleigh Street, Milwaukee

The next step in Common Ground's campaign to address issues and concerns with the *Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee* (HACM) is a hearing to listen to resident complaints regarding rent mismanagement and to call on the *United States Department of Housing and Urban Development* (HUD) to audit HACM. Please come in person, if you can, to show our HACM neighbors your support. Immanuel has committed to bring at least fifteen people.

Please RSVP: tinyurl.com/CGRentHearingRSVP

To Join on Zoom: tinyurl.com/CGRentHearingZOOM

"FORWARD SCHOLARS" TUTORING PROGRAM

**Volunteers needed for
2023-2024 school year**



While many of the veteran tutors will return, after a successful first year, Forward Scholars needs new tutors for the coming school year. Click here (<https://www.commongroundwi.org/forward-scholars>) for an updated Forward Scholars webpage and details about how to sign-up!

Questions may also be directed to Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

Make a difference in the life of a child!

*A multiracial, broad based community organizing group, **Common Ground** is made up of over 40 congregations, nonprofit organizations, small businesses, and schools in Southeastern Wisconsin, organized to address some of Greater Milwaukee's important social needs in an effective, non-partisan way.*

Immanuel Church was a founding member of Common Ground in 2008.

Learn more at: www.commongroundwi.org.

Questions? Speak with a member of Immanuel's Common Ground Core Team: Margaret Crowley, Martha Mainland, Sharon Rose, or Rob Ater

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Response to Wildfires in Hawai'i

Although there are no Presbyterian congregations on Maui, the Presbytery of the Pacific, which includes Hawai'i, is dispersing an initial Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) grant to those in need following devastating fires on the island that destroyed the city of Lahaina. The Red Cross has asked Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to be on standby with a team of spiritual care providers. Emergency needs include but are not limited to food, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), medicine and more. Support is also being provided to a Presbyterian minister who pastors a United Church of Christ congregation on Maui. PDA will be present through the long-term recovery phase.

Immanuel worshipers interested in making a contribution to the relief effort may make checks payable to Immanuel Presbyterian Church, indicating "PDA-Hawaii" in the memo line. Or, you may give directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700; please include PDA account number DR000165. You may also donate online at www.pcusa.org/pda

YOUR OFFERING, here and afar

During the pandemic many members changed their method of giving. Now that passing the offering plates has resumed, you may wish to observe this ritual. Those who are worshipping at home or away may continue their giving by:

1. **Mailing a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Note in the memo line how you'd like the amount recorded.
2. **Going to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scanning this QR** ("Quick Response") code with your smart phone camera for immediate connection to giving options on the Immanuel site.
4. **Texting 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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

AUGUST 27

10:00

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Morning Worship; Dr. Block preaching
Hymn Sing

11:00-12:00

Coffee hour in the Parlor

Tuesday

6:00

Parish Life Council meeting ~ conference room

Wednesday

5:30

Membership Task Force meeting ~ conference room

Thursday

6:15

Human Resources/Transition Team meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

SEPT 3

8:45-noon

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

10:00

Morning Worship; Ms. Larson preaching

11:00-12:00

Coffee hour in the Parlor

September 4

Church Office closed

September 5

6:00

Meeting of the Deacons ~ *virtual*

September 6

1:00

IT Committee meeting ~ *virtual*

September 7

7:00

Church School Committee meeting ~ *virtual*

LOOKING AHEAD

September 10

Choir and church school resume!

September 12

Church Leadership Dinner (Elders, Deacons, Trustees)

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

Available dates for Chancel flowers: If you would like to donate flowers (\$150 for the two arrangements) **this fall**, please contact the church office.

Thank you to this morning's volunteers: Ushers - Jeff McEathron, Dick Myers, Bill LeFeber, and Victor Plantinga; Camera operator - Janet Christiaansen.

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.**

**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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Teresa A. Larson	Associate Pastor
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William H. Johnstone	Pastor Emeritus
Jean Dow	Associate Pastor Emerita
Steven J. Jensen	Organist
John S. Komasa	Choir Director
James C. Fisher	Parish Associate
Sister Karlyn Cauley	Ecumenical Associate
Crystal Stinemates	Program and Office Administrator
Sarah Campbell	Part-time Financial Administrator
Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton

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