



IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  

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*transforming* tradition

*Risen Christ,  
in vain we seek to imagine  
the heights to which you aspire.  
Higher than high,  
further than our most perceptive thoughts,  
closer to God than our best imagining,  
you reign, celestial, and supreme.  
Yet here on earth,  
your footprints are still seen  
and your words are still warm.  
Hallowed be your name in heaven  
and followed be your way on earth.  
Amen.*

Ascension Prayer  
Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland



common and higher good, and we live as a people resigned to fate rather than as people transformed by faith. Forgive us in Your grace and guide us in Your ways; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\* THE PEACE

*One: 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

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Luke 24:44-53

*Leader: The word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

Festival Te Deum

*Benjamin Britten*

Lorelei Wesselowski, treble soloist

*We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.  
To Thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.  
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy! Holy! Holy!  
Lord God of Sabaoth! Heav'n and earth are full of the majesty of Thy Glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles, praise Thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets, praise Thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.  
The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee.  
The Father of an infinite majesty Thine honorable, true, and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When Thou had'st overcome the sharpness of death,  
Thou did'st open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge.  
We therefore pray Thee help Thy servants  
Whom Thou has redeemed with Thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.  
O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever.*

*Day by day we magnify Thee and we worship Thy name ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe O Lord, to keep us this day without sin, O Lord have mercy upon us.  
O Lord let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.  
O Lord in Thee have I trusted. Let me never be confounded.*

## SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

### \* HYMN 4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich*

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

*(During the Offertory, please sign your name in the red Friendship Folder  
as it comes to you in the pew. Pass the folder back to its starting place,  
noting your neighbors. Please greet one another by name following the service.)*

### OFFERTORY

Air

Whitlock

*(Children and teachers gather at the font for prayer  
before proceeding to Church School in The Peaceable Kingdom on the lower level)*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, 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 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

### THE SCRIPTURES Acts 1:1-11

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

“Beyond Restoration”

Dr. Block

### \* HYMN 274 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

*Picardy*

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

*Rutter*

*The flowers are given by Gloria Ware to the glory of God  
in honor of her grandmother, Anna Crossin, and her “art of gratitude”.*

**If you are visiting Immanuel Church today**, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **185<sup>th</sup> anniversary** this spring. 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 link 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](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) **for more information about Immanuel or church membership.**

**Church School for K4-12<sup>th</sup> grade** convenes following the Prayer of Thanksgiving, when children and youth proceed to "The Peaceable Kingdom" in the lower level. For weekly news about Christian education for children and youth, see "Wednesday Grace" at <https://conta.cc/3lma7zf> or contact Ms. Larson.

**The "crying room" on the second floor** is open for parents who need an alternate space with a child during the worship service. Nursery care will be reinstated pending the hiring of child care workers.

**Thank you to this morning's volunteers:** Welcome Team - Jaclyn and Dave Ness, Susan and Jeff Teerink; Ushers - Mark Connelly, Steve Jacobs, Justin Mayer, Dick Myers, Curtiss Peck, and David Salisbury; Camera operator - David Crum.

## **UPDATE: CHANGING COVID-19 CIRCUMSTANCES** **"Masks on and carry on"**

Questions and concerns continue. The above quote summarized last week's meeting of the Covid Advisory Team. An increase in cases and hospitalizations due to the highly contagious variant persuades maintaining current protocols. The Session's objective is to maintain a worship environment that is as healthy as possible for all persons, with special concern for the most vulnerable. **Masks are required in the church building** at this time. All persons interacting with worshippers on behalf of the church (staff, greeters, ushers, elders) are fully vaccinated, as are choir members and church school teachers. Sanctuary doors will be left open even when the air conditioning units are on in order to improve air quality. The current system circulates air but does not ventilate. We look forward to coffee on the east patio as soon as the weather allows. Please be patient, stay healthy, and convey questions and concerns to members of the advisory team, the Session, or the ministers.

## **NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION EVENT TODAY from 11:15 to 1:30**

Are you new to Immanuel Church? Are you interested in exploring church membership? Since the days of the early Church, the season of Eastertide has been a traditional time for welcoming new members. In that spirit, both new and prospective members are invited to join the Session and ministers for an orientation gathering following worship today.

Invitations are on the Great Hall tables. Speak with Associate Pastor Rob Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) in the Great Hall today if you'd like to plan to stay and have not already indicated an interest in attending.

## **ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING Next Sunday, May 29 at 11:00 a.m.**

The Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary next Sunday, May 29, following the worship service. The livestream will continue after the postlude so that members may attend the meeting remotely. "The year in review" will be presented by members involved in the various programs of the congregation and the Nominating Committee will report on their process, placing before the congregation members being nominated for ordained office. For the office of elder: Laurel Heebsh, Sibyl McCarley, David Plank, and Alicia Walker; for the office of deacon: names to be announced later.

### *In Memoriam*

Jon Nels Olson died on Thursday evening, May 19, in hospice care. He and spouse Julia Vosper joined Immanuel Church in 1988; children Ezra and Ahna were baptized and confirmed here. Jon Olson was ordained as a deacon and an elder. Our deep sympathy is with the family. Plans for a memorial service are pending.

## **CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!**

We look forward to honoring members of Immanuel Church who are graduating from high school or college/university or receiving graduate degrees this spring. Please call or e-mail the church office (414-276-4757 [ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)) with school and degree information.



**The Landscaping Team** will gather regularly on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. to work together in the gardens. All are welcome! Bring your garden gloves. Please also consider adopting a garden bed/pot to water and care for at a time that works for you. Volunteers are still needed. Contact Dave Ravie (414-737-5823 or [idravie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:idravie@sbcglobal.net)).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY		ASCENSION SUNDAY
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship;</b> Dr. Block preaching
	10:30	Church School – <i>Peaceable Kingdom</i>
	11:15	New and Prospective Member Orientation Event
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal
Tuesday	4:00	Meeting of the Presbytery of Milwaukee
	5:00	Landscaping team
Wednesday	11:00	Covid-19 Advisory Team meeting
Thursday	12:00	Meeting of the Board of Trustees

NEXT SUNDAY		SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship;</b> Mr. Ater preaching
	11:00	Annual Program Meeting
May 30		Church office closed for Memorial Day
May 31	5:00	Landscaping Team
June 1	11:00	Covid-19 Advisory Team meeting

**Available date for Chancel flowers:** If you would like to donate flowers for the Communion Table on **August 14; September 4 or 25; October 23**. Please call the church office.

**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 plan to MOVE YOUR CAR immediately after worship.**

**The Immanuel Columbarium is open today and every Sunday until noon** via the elevator in the coat room to the lower level. Information about purchasing a niche in the columbarium is available from the church office.

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



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May 22, 2022