



# IMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### *transforming tradition*

*We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.*

~ Excerpted from *The Brief Statement of Faith*  
of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

# MORNING WORSHIP

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 10, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE                      Prelude on the Second Tone                      *Clérambault*  
Dr. Stephen E. Carlton, organist

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

INTROIT                      Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect

CALL TO WORSHIP                      Ella Michalak

*Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.*

*People: Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name.*

*Leader: We are the children of God, learning to walk.*

*People: God is a loving parent, leading us with bands of love.*

*Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us.*

*People: Our hope is indeed in the Lord. Let us worship God!*

\* HYMN 49    The God of Abraham Praise (vs 1-3)                      *Leoni*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION                      The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

*Leader: When we could be revived by God's grace, we fear God has turned away from us in our sin. Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive. Confident of this promise, let us confess our sin.*

*All: Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways, yet we do not always follow your call. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. We urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to faithfulness in you alone, but we turn from you and go our own way. Forgive us, we pray, and return us to our rightful home in you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS                      Dr. Bush

\* 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)*

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;

Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.

We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name:

The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ella Michalak

THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 22:34-40

(OT 25)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

The Call

R. Vaughn Williams

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

Chanse Mortenson, soloist

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Larson

\* HYMN 716 God, Who Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Bush

Minute for Mission: Cathedral Center

Bobbi Timberlake

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

Trompette en Dialogue

Clérambault

*Children, youth, and teachers gather at the font for prayer before proceeding to "Pop-up" 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 Hosea 11:1-11

(NT 842)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Hopelessly Devoted"

Rev. Larson

\* HYMN 44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

*Austin*

\* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Rev. Larson

POSTLUDE

Caprice

*Louis-Nicolas Clérambault*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Margaret Crowley in memory of Ernie Brusubardis.*

After the postlude, an elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.

**Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today**, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **188<sup>th</sup> anniversary** this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, from 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 outside on the Astor Street steps** following the service. The coffee hosts are Kathy and Robo Brumder and Evelyn Ericson.

**Welcome Team** members this morning are Margaret Crowley, Jim Schleif and Bill Morley. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

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

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. The **Care Corner** in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary is available for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship. There is also a **"crying room" on the second floor** that offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

Our prayers are with Rev. Rob Ater as he continues his sabbatical through the summer months. He will return in September. Rev. Larson will be on vacation beginning Monday and will return on August 19.

## **"SECOND SUNDAY" FOR CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN**

**Followed by a pool party in Brewer's Hill! + TODAY, August 10**

On the second Sunday of each summer month, rising preschoolers through rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a "pop up" Church School class in the Peaceable Kingdom. Today's class will center on the parable of the Lost Sheep. Following worship all families are invited to a pool party in Brewer's Hill! Talk with Rev. Larson for more information. Weekly Church School classes resume on September 7.

## **2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Thank you participants and volunteers!**

Last week over 20 adults gathered for three nights of VBS, designed around the theme "Experiencing Parables." Thank you to the volunteer storytellers who brought the parables to life: Pam Mahnke, David Perkins, Victor Plantinga, Virginia Riggs, Carol Tsao, Debbie Whitmore, and James Zager.

## **NEW MEMBER AND FRIEND ORIENTATION**

**following worship NEXT Sunday, August 17 + 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Designed for those interested in nurturing a deeper Immanuel connection and/or considering membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear Immanuel's story and learn about our shared mission and ministry. For more information or to indicate an interest in attending this event, speak with Rev. Larson or Dr. Bush ([randybush@immanuelwi.org](mailto:randybush@immanuelwi.org), 414-276-4757).

## **DEANNA WITKOWSKI JAZZ CONCERT**

**NEXT Sunday, August 17 + 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for a free concert of jazz solo piano performed by Deanna Witkowski, noted pianist and expert on jazz legend Mary Lou Williams. Last year Deanna completed her PhD in jazz studies at the University of Pittsburgh, before moving to Chicago to serve as professor of jazz piano at Elmhurst University. She has also worked as a guest music leader at over 100 churches across the United States and produces a weekly video series called "Off the Page: Sacred Jazz." In addition to presenting the free concert, Ms. Witkowski will be a guest musician for our Sunday, August 17th 10:00 am worship service. If you can help as a volunteer host for this concert, please speak to one of the pastors.

## **SPECIAL SCREENING OF "JUDGING JURIES"**

**Sunday, August 24 + 11:15 a.m.**

One of this year's initiatives for Common Ground is to push for greater racial and economic diversity in Milwaukee County jury trials. To better understand the importance of this, the 2024 documentary "Judging Juries" will be shown in the Peaceable Kingdom following worship on August 24<sup>th</sup>. This 23-minute-long documentary highlights the racial imbalance present in most American courtrooms and jury pools, while offering suggestions on how to reduce this civil rights' disparity. Join us for a time of viewing and discussion of this important issue.

## **IMMANUEL READS: A Summer of Sabbath Reading**

***Select a book to read or read them all!***

*Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives* by Wayne Muller

*The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel

*Sabbath in the Suburbs* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana

**FINAL Conversation on the Porch**

**Sunday, August 31 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Immanuel members and friends are invited to read the books guiding Rev. Ater's "Sabbath Gratitude" sabbatical. Select a book to read (or read them all!) then gather for conversation and reflection on the porch of the Parish House. The final gathering will be on Sunday, August 31. Purchase a copy of your selected book(s) from your preferred book vendor or borrow a book from the Johnstone Library, adjacent to the Sanctuary. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

August 10 9:30-noon

10:00

10:30

11:00

August 11

6:00

August 12

6:00

August 13

5:00

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

**Morning Worship**; Rev. Larson preaching

Second Sunday “Pop up Church School”

Coffee Hour on the Astor Street steps

HR Committee meeting ~ *virtual*

Deacons meeting ~ *Block Conference Room*

Mission Committee meeting

### NEXT SUNDAY

August 17 9:30-noon

10:00

11:00

7:00

Wednesday

6:00

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

**Morning Worship**; Dr. Bush preaching

New member and friends orientation event

Deanna Witkowski jazz piano concert

IPC in the Park at South Shore Terrace

### LOOKING AHEAD

Sun Aug. 24 11:15

Mission documentary “Judging Juries” presented by  
IPC’s Common Ground Core Team

Sun Aug. 31 11:30

Immanuel Reads

NOTE: Session is not meeting in August.

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

**Needed: Chancel flower sponsors.** If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the sanctuary **on September 14 or later in 2025** (\$150 total for the two arrangements), please contact the church office ([ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)).

**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.

# 49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.



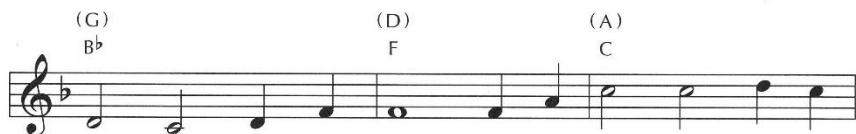
# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

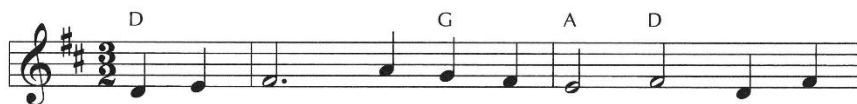
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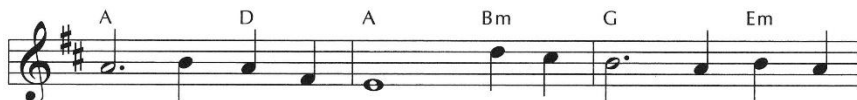
BEACH SPRING

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# 44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us



1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us  
 2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our  
 3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our  
 4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her  
 hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our  
 trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,  
 neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and



bod - y, God has called us in - to life.  
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.  
 sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.  
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

This text was inspired by how the prophet Hosea describes the parental nature of God's relationship with Israel (Hosea 11:1–19). The last stanza echoes Christ's teachings about love of neighbor (Matthew 22:37–40/ Mark 12:29–31) and care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31–46).

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