



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

Fear not, O land!
exult and rejoice!
for the LORD has done great things.
Fear not, beasts of the field!
for the pastures of the plain are green;
The tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and the vine give their yield.
And do you, O children of Zion,
exult and rejoice in the LORD, your God!
God has given you the teacher of justice:
and has made the rain come down for you,
the early and the late rain as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain
and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
You shall eat and be filled,
and shall praise the name of the LORD, your God,
Because God has dealt wondrously with you....

Joel 2:21-24, 26

MORNING WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
“CREATION SUNDAY”

May 12, 2024

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Pavane

Faure'

*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.

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 1)

Leader: Happy are those who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night.

People: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

Leader: They yield fruit in due season and their leaves do not wither.

People: To our Creator God be all glory, honor and praise this day and forevermore!

*+ HYMN 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: The Lord watches over us and all creation. It is right that we put our trust in God's grace and come before God with our prayers of confession.

People: Gracious God, you call us to delight in your teachings and to care for your world. Yet our gaze turns from you to our own needs. Our priorities focus less on what is good for all and more on what is best for each of us. Draw near as we confess our waywardness. Heal and restore us to you. Let us take to heart the command from old that we are to be faithful stewards of all you have made and entrusted to our care. Hear our prayers in Christ's name. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+ Worshipers in the Sanctuary may be shown to their pews. * Stand as you are able.

* 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)*

Ash Grove

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished all fearfulness banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

+++ *Latecomers may be seated during the response*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Romans 8:18-23

(NT 158)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth. For the beauty of the skies. For the love which from our birth.
Over and around us lies. Lord of all to thee we raise; This our joyful hymn of praise. For
the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night. Hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all to thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of
praise. For the joy of human love; Brother, sister, parent, child; Friends on earth and
friends above. For all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all to thee we raise; this our joyful
hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of Thine, to our race so freely given. Graces human
and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n. Lord of all to thee we raise; this our joyful
hymn of praise.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Etude in A b Major

F. Chopin

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 22 God of the Sparrow

Roeder

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

*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>

OFFERTORY

Prelude in C Major

Callahan

*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 Genesis 1:27-31

(OT 1)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Faithful Paradoxes: Dominion Over,
Yet Dependence on the Earth”

Dr. Bush

* HYMN 714 God of the Fertile Fields

Italian Hymn

*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.*

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL RESPONSE The Lord Bless You and Keep You Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

Rutter

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Dick and Kay Bibler in loving memory of Sally Armstrong and Grace Bibler Baker.*

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 Susan Zunft, Nancy Snyder, Patsy Aster, and Pam Mahnke. Thank you to this team for stepping in on short notice. *Only coffee and tea will be served today.* If you'd like to be added to the Coffee Hour Hospitality Team, please contact Ms. Larson in the church office (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org).

Welcome Team members this morning are Margaret Crowley, Leslie Davis, and Victor Plantinga. 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 **187th 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 provided 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.

Church School classes for children and youth follow the Prayer of Thanksgiving in The Peaceable Kingdom (lower level). Click <https://conta.cc/4bsEsUN> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** (infants and adults) will be part of the worship service on Sunday, May 26. Please contact Ms. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) about presenting a child for baptism or making a profession of faith.

CREATION SUNDAY TODAY, May 12

The Church School children, youth, and teachers are celebrating Creation Sunday today with lessons and activities that celebrate the gift of God's good creation! Following worship, all are invited to join in the celebration by visiting the pet blessing table for treats made by Church School children to share with your pet and enjoying some "dirt cake," a favorite Creation Sunday treat, on the patio.

WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel?

Join us for a Prospective Member Brunch and Orientation!

June 9 + following worship from 11:20 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Designed for new friends considering church membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear our story, learn about our shared mission and ministry and enjoy a delicious meal with some of our members. For more information or to indicate an interest in attending, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Mr. Ater in the church office (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AND PENTECOST PARTY

NEXT Sunday, May 19

The Day of Pentecost is the day that the Church celebrates its birthday – the day we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples of Jesus Christ, fifty days after his resurrection. It is an Immanuel tradition to celebrate Pentecost by receiving our confirmation students as full members of the church followed by our annual *Pentecost Party*. All will be invited to the Upper Room to enjoy a light lunch, complete with “Fruit of the Spirit” salad, and a birthday cake for the Church! We will also thank the 2023-24 Church School teachers. **RED** is the color of the day – the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire to those first disciples. Sign up for the Pentecost Party in the Parlor or by clicking here: [https://bit.ly/IPC_Pentecost Party 2024](https://bit.ly/IPC_Pentecost_Party_2024).



ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING

Sunday, June 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Room

The Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, June 2, following the worship service. “The year in review” will be presented by members involved in the various programs of the congregation and the Nominating Committee will place before the congregation members for election to the ordained offices of elder and deacon. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

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) with school and degree information. We will recognize graduates during worship in early June.



PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

✦ This spring the **INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY** is hosting a special **Peanut Butter collection drive!** Through May 24, Immanuel is collecting both 16 and 28 oz. jars of **CREAMY peanut butter** in a bin in the Astor Street coatroom. *Let's see if we can fill it!* The goal of this special initiative is to meet the need for nutritious and filling food during the summer months when many families can't rely on a school lunch program. Financial gifts may also be made through the Immanuel website (<https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>) (note peanut butter), or by check to the church office (payable to the Interchange Food Pantry with "peanut butter" in the memo), or at: <https://gofund.me/b757e914>. Located right here in our neighborhood, Immanuel helped found Interchange over fifty years ago. Members Allyson Nemeck and Scott Silet currently serve on the board. For more information about the pantry or to sign-up to volunteer, go to: <https://interchangefoodpantry.org/about/>.

THE IMMANUEL GARDENS ARE SPRINGING TO LIFE

Thank you, Spring Spruce-up Team

Sign-up to adopt a garden bed this summer

Thank you to all who gathered yesterday to help with the Landscaping Team's Spring Spruce-up Day. As we strive to care for our little corner of creation here on Astor Street, we know that the Immanuel Church grounds and gardens are a big part of the welcoming face we offer to the community. Thank you!

Would you like to adopt a garden bed/plot for the summer? Volunteers are needed to help with maintenance and watering throughout the season. Please contact Trustee Terese Zinn at teresezinn@gmail.com if you wish to adopt a garden bed/plot for the summer. Please mention "Immanuel Landscaping" in the subject of your e-mail.

SUMMER NURSERY HELP NEEDED

With our two college student caregivers off for the summer, Immanuel's Nursery is in need of additional caregivers for our youngest members on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery this summer, or know of anyone interested in this paid position, please contact the church office or reach out to Ms. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org).

SERMON TEXTS AVAILABLE

Copies of the prior week's sermons will now be available both online on our website and in a display rack in the Great Hall. Having the chance to re-read a preached sermon or share it with a friend literally helps "spread the word" from Immanuel.

YOUR OFFERING, here and afar
In addition to offerings during onsite worship:

1. **Mail a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202.
2. **Go to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scan this QR** (“Quick Response”) code with your smart phone camera for immediate connection to giving options on the Immanuel site.
4. **Text 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.



MAKING SUNDAY MORNING HAPPEN:

It takes you!

The practice of gathering for worship on Sunday mornings is the center of our life together. Sunday mornings at Immanuel Church are meaningful *and busy*. There's more to be done that meets the eye! Will you help?

New friends and longtime worshippers alike are invited to serve! Perhaps you'd like to begin *or resume* a practice of helping to make Sunday mornings happen at Immanuel Church!

Welcome Team members greet worshippers at the church doors, answer questions, and offer directions. *Three or four welcome team members are needed each Sunday.*

Ushers welcome and seat worshippers in the Sanctuary. *Four to six ushers are needed each Sunday.*

Coffee Hour hosts serve coffee, tea, and juice after worship in the Parlor. They offer table hospitality by providing both sweet and savory treats and clean-up afterwards. *Four hosts are needed each Sunday.*

If you would like to help, please email the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org) to indicate your interest in serving in one or more of these ministries of hospitality at Immanuel Church.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers - Mark Connelly, Curtiss Peck, Dave Salisbury, and Paul Campbell; Camera operator - Kristi Leswing.

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

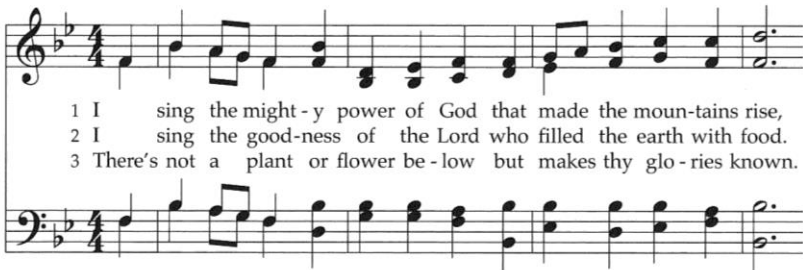
TODAY		SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 12		CREATION SUNDAY
	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Wednesday	6:00	Parish Life Council meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Thursday	9:00	Finance Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
	Noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
NEXT SUNDAY		THE DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 19	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Ms. Larson preaching Confirmation
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Pentecost Party ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
May 20	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
May 23	noon	Meeting of the Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>

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

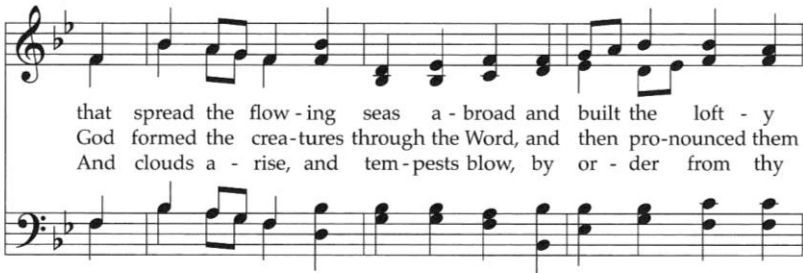
Available dates for Chancel flowers: If you would like to donate flowers (\$150 for the two arrangements), please contact the church office.

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 move your car immediately after worship.**

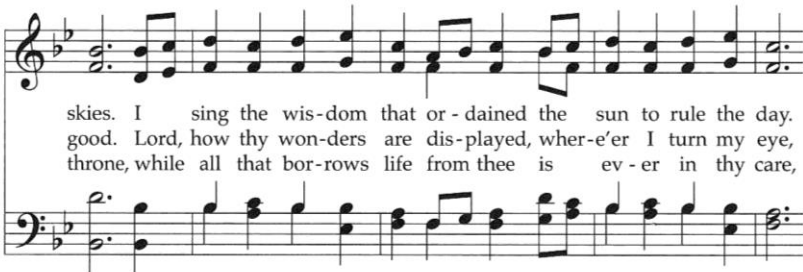
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



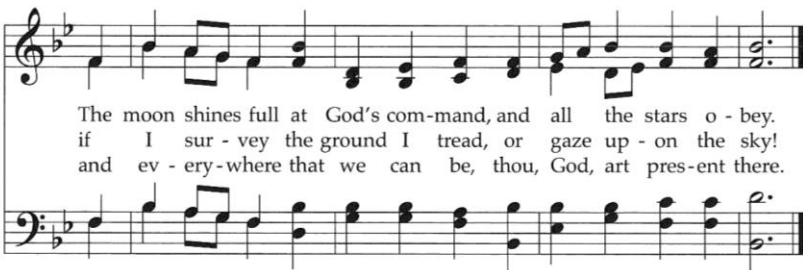
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres - ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

**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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