



# IMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*transforming* tradition

*“In life and in death we belong to God.”*

We have been called  
to belong to the body of Christ  
and to seek God’s purposes in this place.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church is  
our home, where we grow and welcome all;  
our community, where we care for one another and serve others.

We promise  
to worship regularly,  
to learn openly,  
to give generously,  
to live together in the unity of the Spirit  
as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
and to share the work of mission and ministry...  
transforming tradition in the church and in the world.

*Immanuel Presbyterian Church Covenant of 2012*

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

*Callahan*

*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

\*+ HYMN 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Leader: God is here, to welcome and embrace.*

*People: God is here, in love and grace.*

*Leader: God is everywhere, life-giving.*

*People: God is everywhere, forgiving.*

*All: Loving God,*

*who created us in love and calls us to live  
as loving persons in the world;*

*we confess our easy separation*

*of loving You from loving one another.*

*We know what is right and choose another way.*

*We love ourselves too much*

*and our brothers and sisters too little.*

*We are guided by fear more than by faith.*

*Forgive us, Lord.*

*Open us once more to the wideness of Your mercy,  
and the fullness of Your grace,*

*that we might serve You with joy,*

*and live together in love and peace;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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*+ 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.*

*People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.*

\* RESPONSE *(the congregation sings)*

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends Thy word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES John 17:6-11 (CEB)

(NT 111)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

We Are People of Faith

*Beall*

*We are not alone. God is always with us!*

*arr. Carter*

*We live in a world that God has made where beauty and truth endure.*

*We believe in God, revealed in the Word made flesh;*

*Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who came to make us new.*

*We are people of God, called to be the church;*

*Called to proclaim the great good news, "Jesus Christ is Lord."*

*We are people of faith, called to be God's own.*

*In life, in death and in life beyond, we are not alone!*

*In spite of evil, pain and loss, the power of hope is sure.*

*We believe God's word, the promise of God's great love;*

*Justice, peace, and grace and joy are ours to have and hold.*

*We are people of God, called to be the church;*

*Called to proclaim the great good news, "Jesus Christ is Lord."*

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia!*

*In life, in death and in life beyond, we are not alone!*

Text: "New Creed" of the United Church of Canada (1980)

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

\* HYMN 308 O God in Whom All Life Begins

*Noel*

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

Petite Prelude

Jongen

*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 God, all creatures high and low;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### THE SCRIPTURES Acts 1:21-26

(NT 118)

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

"Who We Are"

Dr. Block

#### \* HYMN 409 God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

*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 and benediction.*

#### \* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Instruments

Karg-Elert

*The flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Jon Olson by Julia Vosper.*

Following the postlude, a minister and elder will be at the font to receive prayer requests.

**Welcome!** All are invited to enjoy coffee and refreshments in the Upper Room today, prior to the Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation. The hosts are members of Parish Life Council. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Jim and Lynda Peterson and Lindsey McKee. 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 **186<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, to the right of the northeast staircase. Elevator access is also available. 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 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/41KcXkq> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information.

## **TODAY: THE ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING**

The Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation will be held TODAY 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 ordained office. For the office of elder: Kate Egan, Lindsey McKee, Scott Silet, Carol Tsao, Julia Vosper (unexpired term); for the office of deacon: Margaret MacLeod Brahm (unexpired term), Kathleen Burchby, Connie Goggin, Christine Karpowicz, Jennifer Lucas, Justin Mayer. New elders and deacons will be ordained and installed on Sunday, June 11. Nominees for unexpired terms on the Board of Trustees will also be presented for election: Vance Werner, Jr. and Steve Carlton.

There will also be a report on the pastoral transition process and an update by the Interim Search Committee.

**Congratulations** to the Rev. Dr. James Fisher, Immanuel's Parish Associate, on the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination this month.

## 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.



### **NEXT Sunday: A CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST!**

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 with our annual *Pentecost Party*. All are invited to enjoy a light lunch, complete with “Fruit of the Spirit” salad, and a birthday cake for the Church! We will also thank the 2022-23 Church School teachers. **RED** is the color of the day – the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire to those first disciples – so be sure to **wear something RED!** **Look for the sign-up sheets in both the Parlor and Peaceable Kingdom today or go to [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_Pentecost\\_Party\\_2023](https://bit.ly/IPC_Pentecost_Party_2023) and let us know of your plans to attend.**

## **PUTTING FAITH TO WORK** *Opportunities for Mission and Service*

- ✦ Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** on two consecutive nights (Sunday-Monday) every other month. The next opportunity to serve is **Sunday, June 18 and Monday, June 19**. Sign up for a particular menu item; the food is prepared in your home, delivered to the center, and served by the shelter staff. An Immanuel team leader will contact their team for any further instruction or support. Click here to sign up for one of the June dates: <https://bit.ly/IPCCathedralCenterMeals2023>. Questions? Interested in joining a team later in the year that might resume serving the meal at the center? Contact Bobbi Timberlake ([bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com](mailto:bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com)) or Mr. Ater.
- ✦ **EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES (ESS)** is sponsoring a **Lobster Boil Fundraiser** through St. Paul’s Fish Company. A \$50 voucher will provide you with a delicious lobster dinner. Half of the proceeds of each dinner voucher will go to ESS. Place your order online at <https://essmilw.org/> Vouchers will be mailed within five days of receipt and are redeemable through June 30. Immanuel has been a longtime mission partner of Eastside Senior Services, a neighborhood program which helps older adults on Milwaukee’s East Side continue to live independently and in their own homes. Connie Goggin serves on the ESS board on behalf of Immanuel Church.

- ✦ An Interfaith group of clergy and congregational leaders will again host a “**BLESSED @PRIDEFEST**” booth at this year’s Pridefest at the Henry Maier Festival Park on June 2-3. Mr. Ater will join other clergy in offering individual blessings and prayers. A personal blessing may be particularly meaningful to members of the LGBTQIA+ community who have felt marginalized by church and faith communities. Volunteers are needed to provide booth hospitality. Contact Mr. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) if you’d like to sign up for a three hour shift. Invitations to Immanuel and other participating congregations will be available at the booth.
  
- ✦ Work on a new **MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Presbyterian Coalition home (3049 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street) continues. Volunteers are needed (full or half-day shift) to help install siding on **Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 to 3:00.** **Would you like to help?** Persons with all levels of experience are welcome! Register at: <http://groups.mkehabitat.volunteerhub.com/events/index>. Volunteers must be 16 and older. If you have questions about volunteering contact Scott Silet ([sasilet@gmail.com](mailto:sasilet@gmail.com)) or Rob Ater.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### TODAY

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Block preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>lower level</i>
	11:15	Annual Program Meeting ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	12:00	Meeting of officers-elect with Session
Tuesday	4:00	Meeting of the Presbytery of Milwaukee at First Presbyterian Church, Racine
Thursday	noon	Meeting of the Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>

### LOOKING AHEAD

May 28		<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> - Pentecost Party for all ages!
June 4		<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> - Reception of New Members
June 6		Board of Deacons Meeting
June 11		Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

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.**

**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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**A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

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Susan J. Stoll	Part-time Associate Pastor for spiritual care
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
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