



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*Teach me to feel another's woe, to hide the fault I see,
that mercy I to others show, that mercy show to me.*
-Alexander Pope

*Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain,
and make your broken people whole.*
-John Bell

*To say "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy" is to lay our hope in the
redeeming work of God as though our lives
depended on it. Because they do.*
-Nadia Bolz-Weber

*He leads me for his mercy's sake
in paths of truth and grace.*
-Isaac Watts, Psalm 23

MORNING WORSHIP

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 6, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE Variations on American Hymns

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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Johnny Harkey

Leader: Come among us, merciful God; we wait for You.

People: We come in faith, trusting in Your grace.

Leader: Come among us, compassionate Christ; we long for You.

People: We come in hope, yearning for Your healing.

Leader: Come among us, restoring Spirit; we are ready for You.

People: We come in love, eager to rest and grow in your peace.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

Leader: The steadfast love of God never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, great is God's faithfulness! Confident of the healing mercy made know to us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins.

All: Holy God, your mercies are from everlasting to everlasting, yet we confess that we have not trusted in your grace to guide our lives. Envy has dulled our generosity. Fear has clouded our trust. Pride has overtaken our humility. Forgive us, O God, for our failure to bear one another's burdens, for believing in our own power to justify our lives, and for denying your call to care for those most in need of your tender touch. Restore us to health and renew our trust in your mercy alone. We pray this in the name of the one who heals us and restores us, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* *Stand as you are able.*

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Larson

* 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)*

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.
Our great Creator and our God, assist us to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the glory of Your name!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Harkey

THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 86

(OT 544)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

This Is My Song

Finlandia

Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness; arr. Wagner

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
My country's skies are bluer than the ocean and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, Thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted till all shall serve Him, and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations:
myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done. God of all nations, O hear my song!*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER Elder Harkey, Rev. Larson

O God in your mercy . . . hear our prayer

* HYMN 436 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Larson

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

Please sign the red Friendship Folder and greet one another following the service.

Online worshipers please indicate your presence using the link on the website.

OFFERTORY

Shall we Gather By The River

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Children and youth gather at the font for prayer.

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 Luke 8:40-56

(NT 68)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Mercy: The Engine of Faith"

Rev. Larson

* HYMN 796 We Come to You for Healing, Lord

Land of Rest

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Rev. Larson

POSTLUDE

How Firm A Foundation

Sedio

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Grace Mary Anne Carlton by the Carlton family.*

After the postlude, a minister and elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.

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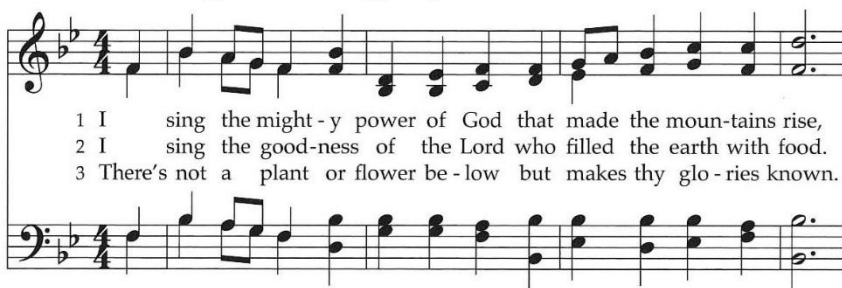
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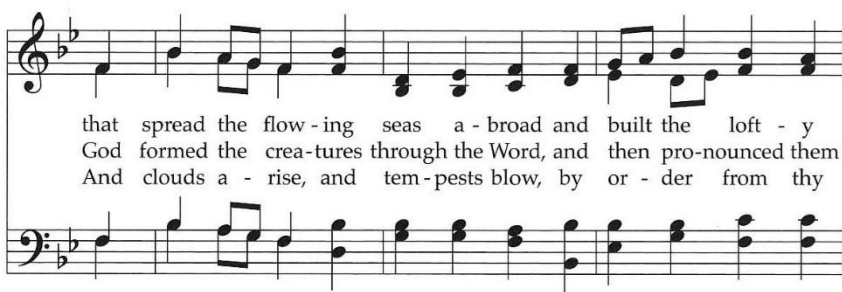
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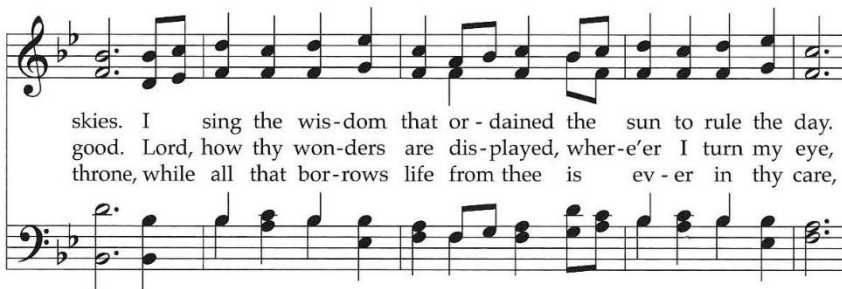
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



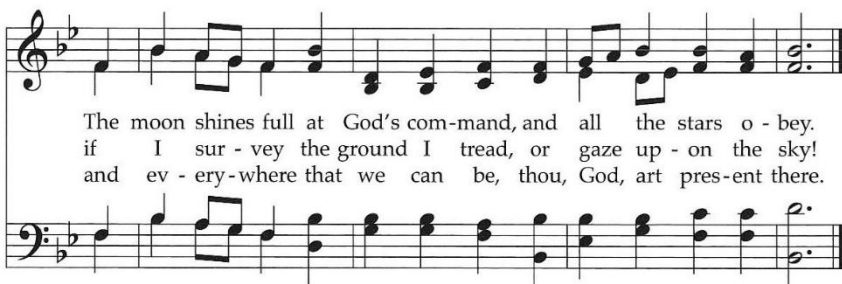
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



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 Compassion, in Mercy 436

Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

By ending with questions rather than simple affirmations, this text conveys a strong sense of faith in God's presence and guidance without ignoring how much of the future remains unknown. The confidence of the text is well matched by its sturdy 17th-century French tune.

We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, July 6, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 188th 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 Mary Ginnebaugh, Laura and Steve Dombrock.

Welcome Team members this morning are Eileen Pierce, Ray and Claire Moulis. 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 – Mark Connelly, Dick Myers, Bill LeFeber, and Paul Campbell; Camera operator – Keith Pierce.

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.

Dr. Bush is on vacation and will return on July 13. Our prayers are with Rev. Rob Ater as he continues his sabbatical through the summer months. He will return in September.

"SUMMER SING" on Sundays in July

Choral director John Komasa invites all adults, young adults, and high school youth to sing in a summer choir on all or one of the Sundays in July. This is an opportunity to bring choral music to some summer Sundays and enjoy the experience of singing together. The selections are easy enough to learn on Sunday mornings before the worship service. Gather in the loft promptly at 8:45 a.m. for warm up and rehearsal.

"BRING YOUR OWN" PICNIC LUNCH

Following worship NEXT SUNDAY, July 13 in Juneau Park

All IPC members and friends are invited to pack lawn chairs, blankets, and a picnic lunch to enjoy together after worship in Juneau Park. Water, lemonade, and a summer dessert will be provided. Picnic baskets and coolers can be stored in the Parlor during worship; limited refrigerator space is available. Attendees can also purchase food from the Juneau Park Beer Garden. All are welcome to enjoy a summer afternoon of fellowship! In the event of rain, picnics will be enjoyed in the Peaceable Kingdom (lower level).

"SECOND SUNDAY" FOR CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN

Next Sunday, July 13 (and coming up on August 10)

On the second Sunday of each summer month, rising preschoolers through rising 7th graders are invited to a "pop up" Church School class in the Peaceable Kingdom. Next Sunday's class will center around Psalm 23. Contact Rev. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) for more information. "Second Sunday" will meet again on August 10 with a summer pool party to follow!

ALL SAINTS BOOK SALE COLLECTION

NEXT Sunday, July 13 ONLY

The Great Hunger Book Sale will be held this year on **July 31-August 5** at All Saints' Episcopal Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau. The sale supports food pantries and meal programs in Milwaukee, including the Interchange Food Pantry. **You may bring books to contribute to the sale NEXT Sunday July 13.** There will be collection bins in both coat rooms next week only.

The book sale welcomes volunteers. Contact Suzanne Cornell at 414-688-3107.

"IPC IN THE PARK"

Summer Beer Garden Gatherings

Hubbard Park + Wednesday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Join fellow Immanuel members and friends through the summer months at one of the city's parks and beer gardens for an evening of casual fellowship. Food and beverages (including soft drinks) will be available for sale at the park. Each gathering will also include a special component for children led by Cassie Olson, Program Coordinator. Our next gathering of the summer will be at Hubbard Park. Sign up on the clipboard in the Great Hall or by going to: https://bit.ly/IPC_in_the_Park_Summer2025.

Save the date for a future "IPC in the Park" gathering:

Wednesday, August 20 at the South Shore Terrace (Bayview)

MATTHEW BLACK IN CONCERT

"EVERYTHING IS TERRIBLE AND NO ONE IS OKAY" TOUR

***"Love is real, we can prove it."* + Thursday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

Immanuel is pleased to host indie-folk singer-songwriter Matthew Black on July 17 for an evening of music and fellowship. Black is known for inclusive lyrics and singable melodies with songs that are honest, earnest, simple, and sacred. His music seeks to help all find meaning and kindness in a chaotic world. Black is also a member of the PC(USA) and has led worship for many denominational events. Learn more and listen to some of Black's music on his website, www.matthewblackmusic.com. Please join us for a special night of song and community. All are welcome!

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

Conversations on the Porch

Wednesday, July 23 from 6:30-8:00

Join Immanuel members and friends in reading the books that are guiding Rev. Ater's "Sabbath Gratitude" sabbatical. Readers can select a book to read (or read them all!) and are invited to gather three times during the summer months for conversation and reflection on the porch of the Parish House. The next gathering will be on Wednesday, July 23. 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.

Future date: August 31 at 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 4, 5, 6 + "Experiencing Parables"

Vacation Bible School for adults returns in August for a three-part discussion of Jesus's parables: the Sower (Mark 4:1-9), the Prodigal Son (Luke 13:11-32) and the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Each evening will begin with a "bring your own" dinner at 6:00 in the Peaceable Kingdom followed by class beginning at 6:45 in the Block Conference Room. Though programming for children is paused this year, childcare will be provided. Sign up today in the Great Hall or at https://bit.ly/IPC_AdultVBS2025.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

There are students at **Carroll University** who struggle during the summer months to meet their basic food needs. Building on our long relationship with this historically Presbyterian institution, the Mission Committee recently agreed to send \$600 to support the Orange Thread, a food pantry and professional apparel resource on campus.

Another of our mission partners has formed a workforce development organization called "**Common Ground Works.**" They have hired an executive director and are now looking to hire a full-time administrative assistant and a manager of community engagement. For more information, visit the Common Ground website (commongroundwi.org) or email emiller@commongroundworkswi.org.

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

Available date for Chancel flowers: If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the sanctuary or columbarium in 2025 (\$150 for the two sanctuary arrangements, \$50 for the columbarium each Sunday), please contact the church office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

July 6	8:45	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "Summer Sing" Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Larson preaching
	11:10	Coffee Hour ~ <i>Astor Street steps</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

		FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 13	8:45	"Summer Sing" Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Larson preaching
	11:10	Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch
July 15	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
July 16	6:00	IPC in the Park ~ <i>Hubbard Park</i>
July 17	7:00	Matthew Black concert ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed. July 23	6:30	Immanuel Reads: All About Sabbath ~ <i>Parish House Porch</i>
MTW Aug. 4-6	6:00	Adult Vacation Bible School

The Board of Deacons, and the HR and Mission Committees are not meeting in July.

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.

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

June 29, 2025