



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.*

Shirley Erena Murray,
"Touch the Earth Lightly"

MORNING WORSHIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 6, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Psalm 20

Benedetto Marcello

Dr. Stephen E. Carlton, organist

*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.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: God of all glory, on this first day You began creation,
bringing light out of darkness.*

People: On this first day You began Your new creation,
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.

*Leader: On this Lord's Day grant that we,
the people You create by water and the Spirit,
may be joined with all Your works
in praising You for Your great glory.*

All: Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit,
we praise You now and forever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship PC(USA)

*+ HYMN 14 (stzs. 1-4) For the Beauty of the Earth

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* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Leader: God of life, You created us in Your image
to care for one another and for all creation .
Forgive us for turning away from You,
ignoring the needs of our neighbors
and the cries of the earth.*

People: As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth,
make us signs of Your grace.

*Leader: Giver of life, in the midst of a plundered earth,
we groan with creation:*

People: Have mercy on us.

*Leader: Giver of life, in the midst of poisoned water,
we groan with creation:*

People: Have mercy on us.

*Leader: Giver of life, in the midst of polluted air,
we groan with creation:*

People: Have mercy on us.

*Leader: Giver of life, in the midst of mountains of waste,
we groan with creation:*

People: Have mercy on us.

*Leader: Giver of life, in the midst of rising seas,
we groan with creation:*

People: Have mercy on us.

*Leader: Giver of life, forgive us and make us agents of healing
for the good of Your creation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.*

All: Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

*** 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*)

For Thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

+++ Latecomers may be seated during the response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Revelation 22:1-5

(NT 260)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Deep River *African American spiritual*

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into
campground. O don't you want go to that gospel feast, that promised land where
all is peace. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.*

Colleen Brooks, soloist

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

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

Adagio in B-flat Major

Marcello

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 8:6-12

(OT 6)

Luke 19:1-8

(NT 82)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"If Trees Could Talk"

Ms. Larson

* 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 and benediction.

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Marcello

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Jaclyn and Dave Ness in memory of Jaclyn's mom, Marilyn E. Habeck.*

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

Welcome! Members and friends are invited to a coffee hour in the Parlor following the worship service. Coffee hosts are Patsy Aster, Pam Mahnke, and Clair and Mary Baum. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Pat Goggin and Barbara and Jim Flint. 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 **186th 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 paused for today, will resume next week, August 13, for the "Second Sunday" program, and will be paused again for the rest of August. Full nursery care will resume on Sunday, September 3. 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 worship.

Church school for children and youth will resume on Sunday, September 10.

Our **prayers and sympathy** are with Deborah Anderson on the death of her mother, Joanne Anderson, on July 30, in Green Bay.

Congratulations to Charlie Fahr and Alexandra Lyons, who were married by Mr. Ater last night at Mercantile Hall in Burlington. Baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Church, Charlie is the son of Jill and George Fahr.

Mr. Ater will return to the office on Tuesday.

**“SECOND SUNDAYS”
FOR CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN
Next Sunday, August 13**

On the second Sunday of each summer month, children are invited to a “pop up” Church School class in the Peaceable Kingdom. Classes will explore a story related to the theme for Vacation Bible School, “Trees of the Bible.” A post-worship swim party is also planned. The next “Second Sunday” is planned for next week, August 13. Click here to sign up: https://bit.ly/IPC_SecondSundaySignUp_2023. Contact Ms. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) for more information.

**“THIRD THURSDAY” GATHERINGS
Thursday, August 17**

from 6:00-8:00 at the Juneau Park Beer Garden

Pack a picnic supper and meet Immanuel members and friends at a local beer garden for an evening of casual fellowship. Food and beverages (including soft drinks) will be available for sale at the park. Don't miss the final gathering of 2023 on **Thursday, August 18 from 6:00-8:00 at the Juneau Park Beer Garden**. Click here to sign up: https://bit.ly/IPC_ThirdThursdays2023. Contact Ms. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) with questions. All ages welcome!

**ANNUAL HYMN SING
Sunday, August 27**

Summer moves to an end on good notes! This service of song has been an Immanuel tradition since 1997. Your favorite hymns will frame the worship service that day. Use the ballot in your bulletin (see inside back cover) or follow this link: https://bit.ly/IPC_HymnSing2023 to indicate the hymns that are most meaningful to you. The hymns must be in the current "Glory to God" hymnal. Thank you for participating in the selection process.

**2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Thank you, participants and volunteers!**

Last week fifteen children and 35 adults gathered for a Vacation Bible School designed around the theme of creation and its care. Children learned about “Trees of the Bible” and adults had a “Creation Care 101” with the Rev. Dr. John Helt. The evenings began with a shared meal in the Peaceable Kingdom and evening prayer in the Sanctuary. Thank you to the Church School Committee for planning and assisting, to the members who supplied the meals, and to John Helt for a timely discussion of creation care and climate change concerns. Please see the display boards in the Parlor today. Dr. Helt will offer a compelling and hopeful word on climate care on Sunday, August 20.



“FORWARD SCHOLARS” TUTORING PROGRAM CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

Thank you, Immanuel tutors!

Last fall Common Ground launched a new tutoring program at six Milwaukee Public Schools. Thank you to the dedicated team of Immanuel volunteers (nearly twenty members and friends!) who tutored (and substituted) during the 2022-2023 school year. The program’s first year recently concluded with results that reflect a real difference being made in the reading skills of the students served. [Click here](#) for a one-page assessment summary of the program. [Click here](#) for a two-page overview of the program.

Volunteers are needed for the 2023-2024 school year

Virtual Information Session:

Tuesday, August 8: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

While many of the veteran tutors will return, Forward Scholars needs new tutors for the coming school year. Two information sessions are planned to provide an overview of the program and tutor responsibilities and to answer questions. [Click here for a one-page flyer with links to sign-up for an information session.](#) Further questions may also be directed to Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

Make a difference in the life of a child!

*A multiracial, broad based community organizing group, **Common Ground** is made up of over 40 congregations, nonprofit organizations, small businesses, and schools in Southeastern Wisconsin, organized to address some of Greater Milwaukee’s important social needs in an effective, non-partisan way.*

Immanuel Church was a founding member of Common Ground in 2008.

Learn more at: www.commongroundwi.org.

*Questions? Speak with a member of Immanuel’s Common Ground Core Team:
Margaret Crowley, Martha Mainland, Sharon Rose, or Rob Ater*

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 **Monday, August 21**. (The Immanuel Youth and families will provide the meal on Sunday, August 20 as part of their summer mission initiative. *Thank you!*) Click [here](https://bit.ly/IPCCathedralCenterMeals2023) to sign up for Monday, August 21: <https://bit.ly/IPCCathedralCenterMeals2023>. A sign-up sheet is also in the Parlor today! Sign up for a particular menu item; the food is prepared in your home, delivered to the center, and served by the shelter staff. Connie Goggin is the team leader and will contact the team with any further instruction or support. 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) or Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

- ✦ The **GREAT HUNGER BOOK SALE** continues through August 8 at All Saints' Episcopal Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau. The sale supports food pantries and meal programs in Milwaukee, including the Interchange Food Pantry. *Thank you to all who donated books through Immanuel Church!*

- ✦ Work on this year's **MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Presbyterian Coalition home (3049 N. 6th Street) continues into the fall. **NEW:** Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, September 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to help lay flooring. Would you like to help?** Register at: <http://groups.mkehabitat.volunteerhub.com/events/index> (group name is Presbyterian Coalition). Volunteers must be 16 and older. If you have questions about volunteering or need help registering, contact Scott Silet (sasilet@gmail.com) or Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

Following last spring's announcement by Dr. Block and the Session that she will retire at the end of 2023, the Session directed its Human Resources Committee to search for an interim pastor. A candidate has been selected and will be presented to the Session for approval; an announcement will be made in September.

We look forward to celebrating our 45+ years of ministry with Dr. Block throughout these next months. A series of "Celebration Sundays" is in the design process.

YOUR OFFERING, here and afar

During the pandemic many members changed their method of giving. Now that passing the offering plates has resumed, you may wish to observe this ritual. Those who are worshipping at home or away may continue their giving by:

1. **Mailing a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Note in the memo line how you'd like the amount recorded.
2. **Going to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scanning this QR** ("Quick Response") code with your smart phone camera for immediate connection to giving options on the Immanuel site.
4. **Texting 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.



HOSPITALITY: *How we say "welcome"*

Welcome Team, Ushers, Coffee Hour hosts, Camera operators needed

The Apostle Paul encouraged early Christians to "practice hospitality," to be gracious and welcoming to others in the name of Christ. In this season of our life together, we're renewing our shared commitment to practicing hospitality.

How will you say "welcome"?

Welcome Team members greet worshipers at the church doors, offer a smile and a warm welcome, answer questions or direct people to the Sanctuary, church school, or the nursery. Three or four welcome team members are needed each Sunday.

Ushers welcome and seat worshipers in the Sanctuary, distribute bulletins, collect and present the offering, and organize and straighten the pew racks before and after the service. 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. They coordinate by phone or email the week before.

Camera Operators help share Sunday morning worship online. They arrive by 9:40 and follow a bulletin marked for the pre-set camera angles.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

AUGUST 6 8:45-noon
10:00
11:00-12:00

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*
Morning Worship; Ms. Larson preaching
Coffee hour in the Parlor

NEXT SUNDAY

AUGUST 13 8:45-noon
10:00
11:00-12:00
Thursday 12:00
6:00

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*
Morning Worship; Mr. Ater preaching
Coffee hour in the Parlor
Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ *virtual*
"Third Thursday" Gathering at Juneau Park Beer Garden

LOOKING AHEAD

August 22	5:45	Meeting of the Session
August 24	12:00	Meeting of the Board of Trustees
September 10		Choir and church school resume!
September 12	6:00	Church Leadership Dinner (Elders, Deacons, Trustees)

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

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) this fall, 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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William H. Johnstone	Pastor Emeritus
Jean Dow	Associate Pastor Emerita
Steven J. Jensen	Organist
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James C. Fisher	Parish Associate
Sister Karlyn Cauley	Ecumenical Associate
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