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*How long, Lord, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?*

*Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?*

Why do you make me look at injustice?

Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

*Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.*

*Therefore the law is paralyzed,
and justice never prevails.*

*The wicked hem in the righteous,
so that justice is perverted.*

-Habakkuk 1:2-4 (NIV)

*Life's biggest tragedy is that we get old
too soon and wise too late.*

- Benjamin Franklin

MORNING WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Adagio

Nyquist

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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

Leader: To everyone who thirsts: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

People: To everyone who has come to worship: Come and sit in the quiet. Surround yourself with music. This is a place to grow, to listen for God's word, and to lean in with curiosity.

Leader: Come into this space. For where two or more are gathered, God is always there.

People: With gratitude, let us worship our gracious God.

* HYMN 386 Come, Worship God (vs. 1-3)

O Quanta Qualia

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

Leader: The scriptures call us to turn from sin and return to God, who offers mercy and pardon. Trusting in that promise, let us call upon the God who is ever near.

All: Holy God, you set before us a rich banquet of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to the urgent needs of the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us, we pray, as we amend who we are. Disturb our complacency and lead us to a more fruitful life. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* 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)*

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;

Open our hearts to receive what you say.

Peace be to all who remember your goodness,

Trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Robert Ater

THE SCRIPTURES Isaiah 55:6-11

(OT 685)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Wondrous Love *American folk hymn; arr. Shaw-Parker*
Glynnis Gilliam, choir director

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down, O my soul,
beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
To God I will sing, To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on and joyful be, and thro' eternity I'll sing on.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Ater

* HYMN 494 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Larson

*"One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering: Presbyterian Hunger Program
Elder Allyson Nemeck*

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

Petite Prelude

Jongen

COMMISSIONING OF TRANSITION TEAM

*Bob Bewell, Audra Brennan, Mike Gillard, Mary Ginnebaugh,
Connie Goggin, Nathan Guequierre, Lindsey McKee, Virginia Riggs,
Mary Stoker Smith, Sara VanderHaagen, Matt Weith*

*Leader: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign
in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.*

People: The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. This is a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Leader: *Do you, as members of the Transition Team, commit to be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **We do.***

*Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **We will.***

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 Luke 13:1-9

(NT 76)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Beyond Tragedy"

Dr. Bush

* HYMN 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Carillon

Vierne

The paraments on the pulpit and lectern are purple during Lent, symbolizing penitence.

There are no flowers in the Chancel until Easter morning, and the "alleluia" is retired until the Resurrection of the Lord is proclaimed.

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

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Virginia Riggs, Tom and Linda Neubauer, and Mark Connelly; Camera operator – Tamara Crum.

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, 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 in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Trent and Joell Poole, and Allyson Nemeč. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Pat Parks and Matt and Ashley Boedecker. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

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. 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 worship. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" for more information: <https://conta.cc/4ixCG97>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

CONFESSING THE FAITH IN UNSTEADY TIMES
An Exploration of the *Theological Declaration of Barmen*
and the *Confession of Belhar*

TODAY and NEXT Sunday, March 30 + 11:15 in the Upper Room

Throughout the history of the Christian movement, churches have written confessions of faith (a public declarations of what a church believes) when they have sensed an urgent and emerging need to share their convictions in response to changing cultural landscapes. Two of these confessions will be explored in an upcoming adult education series. **TODAY, March 23**, Rev. Dr. John Helt will lead an exploration of the Theological Declaration of Barmen, written in 1934 in response to the rise of Nazism in Germany. **NEXT Sunday, March 30**, Dr. Bush will discuss the Confession of Belhar, written in 1986 in response to apartheid in South Africa. Copies of each confession are in the Upper Room. Reading the confessions beforehand is not required to participate in the series.

WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel?

Join us for a Membership Welcome and Orientation

Please go to https://bit.ly/IPC_MembershipWelcome_Spring2025 and let the Session know of your interest and availability on three possible

Sundays: April 27, May 4, or May 11 + 11:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Designed for new friends considering church membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear our story and learn about our shared mission and ministry. Childcare available. For more information about church membership or this event, please speak with Rev. Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).



WITH JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM

Annual “Upper Room Meal” on Palm Sunday, April 13
for all members and friends

Luke’s gospel tells the story of the first “Palm Sunday,”
and Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem with these words...

“As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. . .
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully. . .

‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!’”

Luke 19:36-38

On Palm Sunday, begin *your* journey through Holy Week
at our annual Upper Room Meal.

Join the palm-waving procession of children to our own “Upper Room,”
where we will enjoy a first-century meal of bread, fish, olives, dates, figs, eggs,
and goat cheese; hear stories from persons who knew Jesus; and learn about
the origins of the Lord’s Supper as we share this holy meal around our tables.

All are invited

Palm Sunday + April 13 at 11:15 a.m.

Sign up TODAY in the Parlor, the Peaceable Kingdom, or
online: https://bit.ly/IPC_UpperRoomMeal2025

MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OUTING

Parish Life Council outing to the MSO's
performance of *Brahm's German Requiem*

Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. + Sign up today!

Inspired by last summer's "Monday Musicales" presentation on *Brahm's German Requiem* with Dr. Bush, a block of 40 tickets for an upcoming performance of the piece were booked for Immanuel members and friends. Immanuel friends are invited to meet for dinner before the concert at the [Third Street Market Hall](#). Concert tickets will be available for \$40.00 beginning this Sunday; sign up in the Parlor. **Dr. Bush will reprise his "Brahm's talk" on Sunday, April 6** following worship in the Upper Room. All are invited to gather for this condensed summary of Brahms' masterwork, whether or not you plan to attend the April 11 concert.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS INVITED!

**Share ideas for upcoming "Immanuel Reads" offerings
with the Adult Education Committee**

Many thanks to all who gathered for the "Immanuel Reads" conversation on the novel *James* by Percival Everett last Monday! Do you have a recommendation for upcoming "Immanuel Reads" offerings? Please send them to Rev. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) to be passed on to the Adult Education Committee. Stay tuned for more reading opportunities soon!

EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES

Bayside Garden Center Fundraiser

Eastside Senior Services (ESS) is sponsoring their annual Floral Fundraiser. Purchase a gift card for **Bayside Garden Center** and 15% will be donated to ESS to support its work. Place your order online at <https://essmilw.org/donate/> OR send a check to Eastside Senior Services, 1840 N. Prospect Ave, Box 216, Milwaukee, 53202. **Online orders and checks must be received by April 30.** Gift cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day. 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. Elder Julia Vosper serves on the ESS board on behalf of Immanuel Church.

In Memoriam

Thomas "Tom" Hoffman died on March 16 at his home in Tiffin, Ohio after a long illness. Tom joined Immanuel Church with his husband Peter Holbrook in 2009 and they were married at Immanuel in 2016. A memorial service is being held this afternoon at Old Trinity Episcopal Church in Tiffin. Plans for a service at Immanuel later this spring are being planned. Our prayers and sympathies are with Peter and the Hoffman and Holbrook families.

Lent 2025



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS “Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes”

Soup supper in the Upper Room at 6:00,
followed by table worship and the Lord’s Supper
Conversation and Discussion at 7:00

This year’s theme, “Everything in Between,” is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed.

Each week a presenter with expertise and wisdom will help us engage the binaries of our lives and help us to see that God is present in between.

THIS WEEK: March 26

Rest & Growth: Spiritual Care in Unsteady Times Facilitated by the Rev. Jean Dow

The Rev. Jean Dow, Immanuel’s Associate Pastor Emerita, will join us in her capacity as a certified spiritual director to help us consider how we can tend to our spiritual lives – individually and collectively – in distressing and unsteady times.

**Come for soup and worship at 6:00 or study at 7:00 or both!
The evenings have been designed with flexibility in mind.**

Although not necessary, signing up in advance helps the cooks and ministers with planning. Sign up in the Parlor or click https://bit.ly/IPC_LentSoupSuppers2025!

Upcoming Topics

Brochures with more details are on the Great Hall Tables.

April 2 - Righteousness & Mercy: Peacemaking through nonviolence
– Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

April 9 - Lost & Found: In a time of church transition, asking real questions about identity, community, and hospitality
– Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Immanuel Transition Team

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 23	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-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	11:30	Board of Trustees meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	7:00	Nominating Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Wednesday	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables,
	7:00	Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Saturday	3:00	Memorial service for Jim Green ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>
NEXT SUNDAY		FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 30	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Ater preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
March 31	4:00	Adult Education Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
April 1	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <i>virtual</i>
April 2	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables,
	7:00	Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
April 5	1:30	Memorial service for Hester Besteda ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>

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

Rev. Larson, who serves as the moderator of the Milwaukee Presbytery's Commission on Pastoral Ministry, will be away from the office Monday-Thursday attending the Synod of Lakes and Prairies Leadership Summit in Buffalo, Minnesota.

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.

Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)

1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;
 3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;
 4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
 you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.
 o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
 Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;
 Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.
 God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.
 great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!
 trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

TEXT: Michael Perry, 1980

MUSIC: Paris Antiphoner, 1681; harm. La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

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O QUANTA QUALIA

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(this tune in a higher key, 369)

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 494

1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that
those that on thee call; to them that seek thee
feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious
mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of

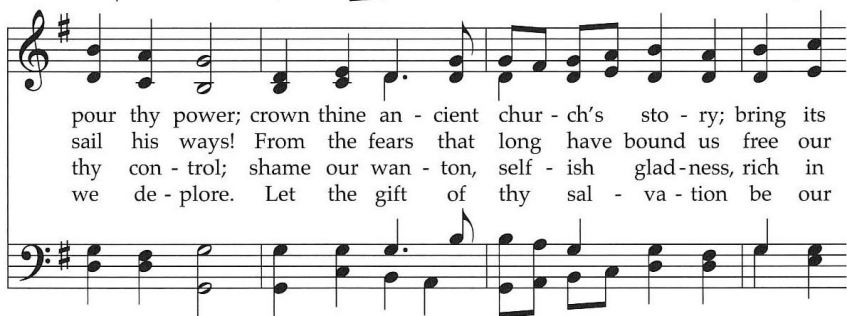
earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.
thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

This 19th-century American translation of stanzas from a longer Latin poem is so well shaped that it sounds like an original meditation on Christian experience centered on the Lord's Supper. The North American tune name seems not to have originated with the English composer.

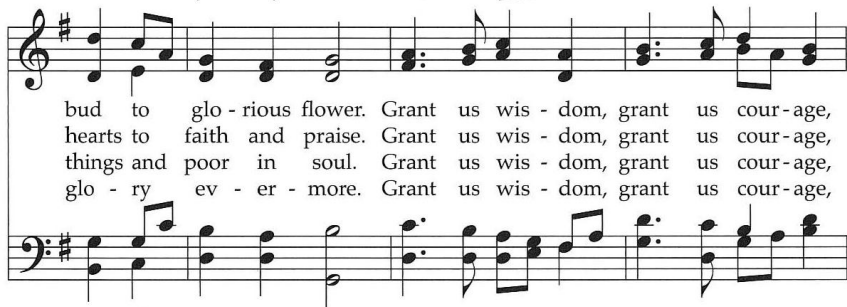
307 God of Grace and God of Glory



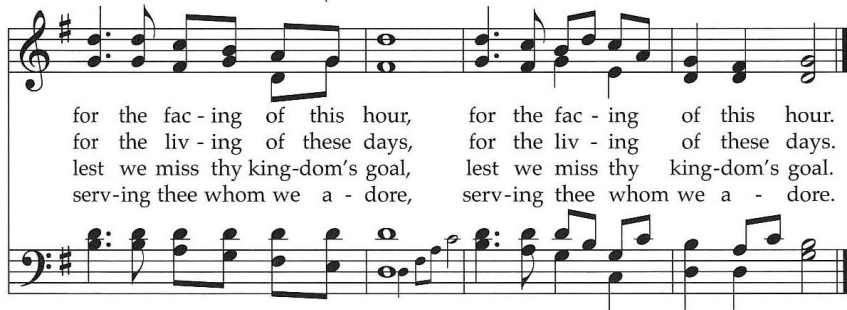
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

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ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE



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