



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*When I look at your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars
that you have established;
what are human beings
that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
- Psalm 8:3-4*

*According to Native ways of knowing,
human people are referred to as
"the younger brothers of Creation,"
for they have the least experience
with how to live
and thus the most to learn.
- Robin Wall Kimmerer
"Braiding Sweetgrass"*

MORNING WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
“CREATION SUNDAY”

May 11, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Pavane

Fauré

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

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come Let Us Sing

Piccolo

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is the Lord our God and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

Leader: The multitudes gather from many places to praise the God whom the risen Christ reveals.

People: We are among the crowds who respond in faith, who hunger for the bread of life and the living water.

Leader: The promises God made to our ancestors are meant also for us and for all of creation.

People: Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power and might be to our God.

Leader: Let us worship now as people of the good news, anticipating the time when we join the cloud of heavenly witness.

* HYMN 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

Leader: Before the throne of God, we are fully known. We cannot hide our intentions or our actions. Therefore, with openness and honesty, let us acknowledge our sins before the Lord.

All: Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the wrongs we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good

we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin and feed us with your grace, that we may follow your way and walk gently amidst your creation.

* 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)* Monkland

*Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
For God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION The Rev. Robert Ater

THE SCRIPTURES Isaiah 60:1-5, 17-18 (OT 690)

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.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Ater

* HYMN 14 For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Larson

Minute for Mission: Milwaukee Habitat Elder Scott Silet

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 Elegy Archer

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Elder Scott Silet

By reaffirmation of faith

Tim Bailen
Brent Gohde
Jeff Kanderski
Monina Kanderski
Abrielle Newman

By letter of transfer

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Brookfield Christian Reformed Church, Brookfield, WI
Debbie Janke
Brookfield Christian Reformed Church, Brookfield, WI
Maggie Lewis
Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL

Friends of Immanuel Church

Rev. Eugene Pocerlich
June Schroeder
Rev. Brad Van Fossen
Lou Ann Van Fossen
Margaret Welch

QUESTION TO THOSE RECEIVED BY SESSION AS FRIENDS

*Do you affirm your desire to be a friend of this congregation,
giving of your gifts and growing in your faith
as you walk and worship with us?*

QUESTIONS TO THOSE RECEIVED BY SESSION AS MEMBERS

*Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, following his Word and showing his love?

*Will you be a faithful member of this congregation,
share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts,
your study and service, and so fulfill your calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ?*

Will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

PRAYER AND WELCOME

Leader: Through baptism and the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant these persons are members of the household of God. God has called them to serve Christ in the world. Let us welcome them to this ministry.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us the ministry of Christ and the communion of his people.

Children, youth, and teachers join the new members and friends 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.

THE SCRIPTURES Revelation 7:1-4, 9-12 (NT 249)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Revelation Visions: Jesus and the Multitude" Dr. Bush

* HYMN 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *Coronation*

* BENEDECTION AND RESPONSE *Dr. Bush*

POSTLUDE Grand Chorus *Guilmant*

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Barbara and Jim Flint in remembrance of their daughter, Sarah Flint Frank.

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

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 in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Jill and George Fahr, Steve and Laura Dombrock. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Susan and Jeff Teerink, and Toni Jones. 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/3GBICzM>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

“CREATION SUNDAY” TODAY Sunday, May 11

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, members and friends are invited to join in the celebration and enjoy eating some “dirt cake,” a favorite Creation Sunday treat, on the patio.

TELL YOUR IMMANUEL STORY

Immanuel members and friends are invited to chat with members of the Transition Team to share a bit of your Immanuel Church story. We want to hear about times when you were proud to be part of our Immanuel "flock" as well as any times when you felt a bit like a "lost sheep." The team members will be available following worship in the rear of the sanctuary (Narthex) for the next few weeks.

SABBATICAL COMMISSIONING NEXT Sunday, May 18

Associate Pastor Robert Ater will be on sabbatical leave from May 19 to September 1. The focus of the sabbatical time for Rev. Ater and the congregation will be on embracing the gift of sabbath and the spiritual calling to balance our lives with rest. Rev. Ater also plans to visit and personally thank some of the mentors, teachers, and friends who have inspired, nurtured, and supported him in his life’s journey – a sort of gratitude tour. The congregation will offer a blessing for him next Sunday, May 18 followed by a special coffee hour hosted by the Human Resources Committee in the Parlor.

IMMANUEL READS: RESSURECTION NARRATIVES

Wednesday, May 21 + 6:00 potluck supper, 6:45 Bible study

Join members of the Adult Education Committee for a special Eastertide “Immanuel Reads” gathering focused on the resurrection and post-resurrection narratives in the Gospels. Participants are asked to read the final chapter of each Gospel prior to the class; a reading guide is available on the tables in the Great Hall and the Parlor. Bring something to share for a potluck supper in the Upper Room at 6:00, followed by study and conversation at 6:45. Sign up in the Parlor or by clicking here: https://bit.ly/Immanuel_Reads_ResurrectionNarratives.

ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING

Sunday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Room

The Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, June 1, 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 -

Elder nominees:

Deborah Anderson
Mar MacLeod Brahm
Johnny Harkey
Debbie Whitmore

Deacon nominees:

Mary Delcore
Matilda Gillard
Jeff McEathron
Curtiss Peck
Kathy Price

and at-large members for the 2025-2026 Church Nominating Committee:
Audra Brennan, Tom Cooper, Martha Mainland, Victor Plantinga, Julia Vosper.

IMMANUEL HOSTS KAIROS COLLECTIVE

Kairos Collective is a new worshiping community of the Presbytery of Milwaukee worship under the leadership of Rev. Mark Fraley, Presbytery Evangelist. The group seeks to re-imagine worshiping communities using practices of contemplation, relationship, and just action. The group will meet once a month on Saturday afternoons in the Peaceable Kingdom throughout the summer. Learn more at www.kairoscollectivewi.org.

WELCOME CASSIE OLSON, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Human Resources Committee is pleased to welcome Immanuel's new Program Coordinator, Cassie Olson! Cassie has been a caregiver in the nursery for two years and has a background in early childhood education. She will be working part-time through the first week of September to assist ministers and staff with supporting the church's programming during Rev. Ater's sabbatical. Cassie begins her role this week and will be introduced to the congregation next Sunday. She can be reached by email at: programsupport@immanuelwi.org.

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 to help make sure our list is complete.



BLESSED AT PRIDEFEST BOOTH Volunteers Needed

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 6-7. Clergy will offering individual blessings and prayers that are often particularly meaningful to members of the LGBTQIA+ community who have felt marginalized by church and faith communities. Non-clergy volunteers are needed to provide booth hospitality in three-hour shifts. Sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4AAAFAD2BA7F49-55778151-blessed#/> Questions may be directed to: blessedatpridefest@gmail.com. Invitations to Immanuel and other participating congregations will be available at the booth.

PENTECOST SUNDAY + June 8

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 as the last day of the Church School year with our annual *Pentecost Party*. All will be invited to the Upper Room to enjoy a light lunch, complete with “Fruits of the Spirit” salad, and a birthday cake for the Church! We will also thank the 2024-25 Church School teachers. RED is the color of the day – the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire to those first disciples.



BUILDING POWER!
Common Ground Assembly
Monday, June 9 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Mexican Fiesta: Flores Hall

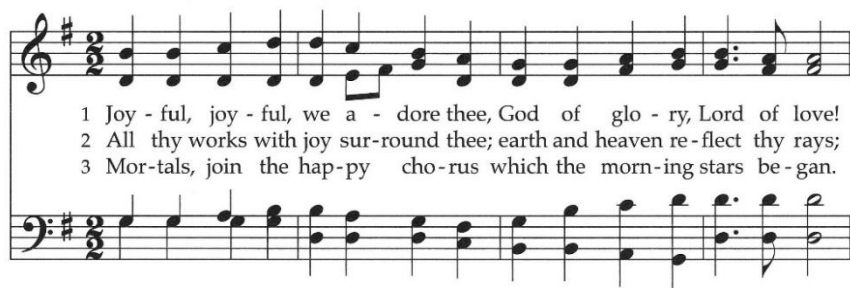
Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/CGAssembly>
Flyers are on the Great Hall tables.

After helping to bring about significant positive and life-improving change for our public housing neighbors this year, Common Ground is **building power** together – boldly, creatively and strategically.

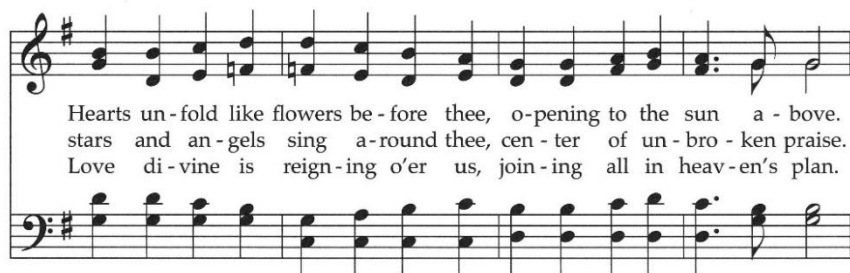
Come celebrate and help spark what comes next!

Common Ground (www.commongroundwi.org) is a non-partisan, multi-racial alliance of congregations, schools, nonprofits, small businesses and neighborhood groups with a seventeen-year track record of effective, meaningful change in greater Milwaukee. Immanuel is a founding member. Questions about Common Ground or the assembly? Contact a member of Immanuel’s Common Ground Core Team: Margaret Crowley, Paula Lewein, Martha Mainland, and Sharon Rose.

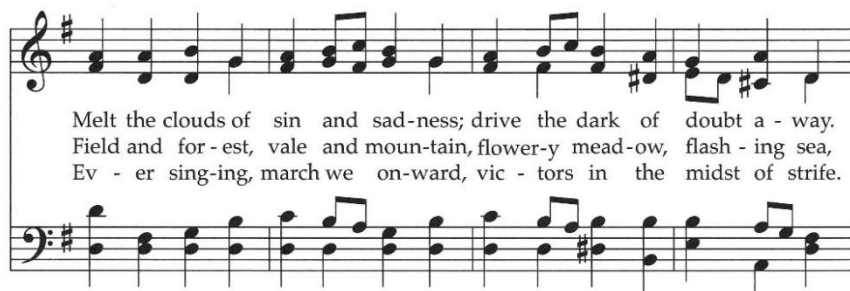
611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav - en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev-ery kin-dred, ev-ery tribe on this ter-res-trial ball
 4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787

MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979

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WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

CREATION SUNDAY

May 11	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching Reception of New Members and Friends
	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:10	Coffee hour in the Parlor
	11:15	Creation Sunday Celebration ~ <i>outside</i>
May 12	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
May 13	4:00	Meeting of Presbytery ~ <i>First Church - Kenosha</i>
	6:30	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
May 14	4:00	Library Task Force meeting ~ <i>Johnstone Library</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching Commissioning of Rev. Ater's sabbatical
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:10	Coffee hour in the Parlor
May 19		Rev. Ater's sabbatical begins; May 19 to September 1
	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	4:00	Adult Education Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
May 20	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
May 21	6:00	Immanuel Reads: Potluck Supper & Study ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

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.

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

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Dave Salisbury, Mark Connelly, Bill LeFeber, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator – David Ravie.

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.

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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