



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*Every great dream begins with a dreamer.
- Harriet Tubman*

*Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die,
life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.
- Langston Hughes*

*And I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.
And your young [ones] shall see visions,
and your old [ones] shall dream dreams.
- Acts 2:17*

*But I say to you that listen, love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse
you, pray for those who abuse you...Do to others as
you would have them do to you.
- Luke 4:27-28, 31*

MORNING WORSHIP

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

Callahan

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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

Leader: When we turn our hearts away from God, putting trust in our own strength, we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched and dry place.

People: When we trust in God, we are like a tree planted by water. Our roots go deep, we are ever green. We bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.

Leader: Filled with God's spirit, let us now worship the Lord.

* HYMN 624 I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art (vs. 1-4) *Toulon*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Robert Ater

Leader: We acknowledge that there are things that separate us from God and our neighbors. In a spirit of openness and repentance, let us bring our prayers of confession to God.

All: God of judgment and renewal, we confess that we have not always loved you and those around us as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, water, flora and fauna. We have focused on our own self-interest, denying the dreams of peers and prophets. Forgive us, O God. Help us turn back to you with a loving spirit and right heart within us. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Ater

* 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)*

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
That in thy strength we evermore endure.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

THE SCRIPTURES Luke 6:27-36

(NT 64)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Grotenhuis

Praise ye the Lord, Praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and evermore. From the rising of the sun, to the going down of the same, the Lord's name be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens. (Psalm 113:1-2)

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Larson

* HYMN 754 Help Us Accept Each Other

Baronita

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Ater

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

Be Thou My Vision

Manz

*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 Genesis 37:17b-28

(OT 34)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Dreamers & Dream-Deniers”

Dr. Bush

* HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision

Slane

* BENEDICTION

Dr. Bush

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Manz

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Glenyss Gilliam in gratitude for community.*

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, 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 Nathan Guequierre and Stacia Peiffer, and Mary Stoker Smith. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Margaret Crowley, Leslie Davis, and Lindsey McKee. 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 the worship service. Click the following link to read this week's “Wednesday Grace” email with more information: <https://conta.cc/3ECJwL9>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

BIBLE 101: *the Old and New Testaments* TODAY at 11:15 in the Upper Room

All are invited to join Rev. Larson today following worship for the second session in a two-part “Bible 101” offering on the New Testament. In addition to a content review, participants will discuss the ways we read the Bible and how we can deepen our understanding of God's Word. Those interested in learning more about biblical content are encouraged to purchase a copy of *A Guide to Bible Basics* by the Rev. Dr. Tyler D. Mayfield, a professor at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

NEXT SUNDAY IS TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

March 2 at 10:00 a.m.

“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”

Luke 9:28-36

Looking back at Christ’s incarnation and looking forward to his death and resurrection, the Transfiguration of the Lord celebrates the revelation of God’s presence in the human life of Jesus Christ.

The service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Special music: Gabriel Fauré *Pavane* on piano



The worship service will be followed by the annual
“SHROVE SUNDAY” PANCAKE BRUNCH
at 11:15 a.m. in the Upper Room

Make your reservation in the Parlor today.

Immanuel marks the pre-Lenten tradition of pancakes and ham on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday, recalling a time when fat, eggs, and milk had to be used up in Christian households before the Lenten fast began. Join Immanuel Church friends for this annual feast next Sunday, March 2 immediately following worship. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Members of the Parish Life Council are in the Parlor ready to take your reservation! Sign up to help by clicking here: https://bit.ly/IPC_ShrovePancakeVolunteers2025

“IMMANUEL READS”

James by Percival Everett

Online discussion + Monday evening, March 10 at 7:30

One of *The New York Times* best books of 2024 was Percival Everett’s novel *James*, which re-tells the story of Huckleberry Finn from the perspective of the runaway slave, Jim. If you’ve read this book or would like to discuss it, please join us on Zoom on March 10 at 7:30 p.m.! The conversation will be facilitated by Immanuel member and Carthage College professor Greg Baer. The Zoom link will be available as the date gets closer.

Lent 2025



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Jesus says, "Follow me!"

Luke 9:51-62

The invitation to the Lenten journey invites us to intentionally follow Jesus. We will break bread together in the Lord's Supper and share in the imposition of ashes.

Special music: *The Call* by Ralph Vaughn Williams

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9

Special music: Franz Schubert *Mass in G*

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LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

**"Everything in Between:
Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes"**

Wednesday evenings during Lent:

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9

Soup at 6:00 followed by communion, conversation, and study

The theme for this year's study is "Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes" and offers an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with faith and intention. The program on Wednesday evenings includes guest presentations from leaders of local non-profits and conversations on living out our faith as a church community. A full schedule with themes and speakers will be included in next week's bulletin!

"MUSIC AT IMMANUEL"

Chamber Music Concert

Friday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

As part of Immanuel's commitment to hospitality and the arts, Immanuel will host a special chamber music concert on Friday evening, March 7, featuring the piano and violin duo of Lucas and Leah Amory. Lucas is a Harvard graduate student and last year's winner of the PianoArts North American Competition and Music Festival. He will be joined by his talented younger sister, a student at the Curtiss Institute of Music in Philadelphia. They will be performing the rarely heard Prokofiev Violin Sonatas. Dr. Bush will open the event by interviewing the musicians. This program is open to the public; a freewill offering will be received. For more information on PianoArts go to: <https://pianoarts.org/>

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 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>
	11:15	Adult Education: Bible 101 ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	11:30	Meeting of the Board of Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
NEXT SUNDAY		TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
March 2	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>
	11:15	Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
March 3	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
March 4	6:00	Meeting of the Deacons ~ <i>virtual</i>
March 5	7:30	Ash Wednesday Worship; Holy Communion
March 7	7:00	Chamber Music Concert

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

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Mark Connelly, Jeff McEathron, Dave Salisbury, Steve Jacobs, and Dick Myers; Camera operator – David Ravie.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) Ab (D) Eb (F#m7) Gm7 (G) Ab (A) Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D) Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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.



In Memoriam

David M. Dooley, spouse of Immanuel member Marty Dooley, died on November 24. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary this Saturday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. Our prayers and sympathy are with the Dooley family.

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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