



IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*Be sure you put your feet in the
right place, then stand firm.
- Abraham Lincoln*

*Be like the cliff against which the waves continually break;
but it stands firm and tames the fury of the water around it.
- Marcus Aurelius*

*Who stands firm? Only the one for whom the final standard is
not his reason, his principles, his conscience, his freedom,
his virtue, but who is ready to sacrifice all these, when in faith
and sole allegiance to God he is called to obedient and
responsible action: the responsible person, whose life will be
nothing but an answer to God's question and call.
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

*Keep on doing the things that you have learned
and received and heard and seen in me,
and the God of peace will be with you.
- Philippians 4:9*

MORNING WORSHIP
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
STEWARDSHIP INTERPRETATION SUNDAY

November 9, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Adagio

Nyquist

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

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 98)

Margaret Welch

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth:

People: Lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Leader: Sing praises with the harp, with trumpets and the sound of the horn.

People: For the Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

* HYMN 409 God is Here! (vs. 1-3)

Abbot's Leigh

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Robert Ater

Leader: The psalmist and the hymnwriter remind us that the Lord is here. With that assurance of God's presence, love and mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Holy God, we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have been indifferent to your aid and disrespected your offerings of peace. Although you are our fortress and our strength, we have chosen to wander aimlessly in the wilderness of sin. Forgive us, we pray. By your mercy and love, make us whole once again. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Ater

* Stand as you are able.

* 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)*

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive.

We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Margaret Welch

THE SCRIPTURES Luke 20:20-26

(NT 84)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Hassler

*A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel
oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old and evil foe has sworn to work woe,
with dreadful, great might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Ater

* HYMN 691 Lord, When I Came into This Life

Land of Rest

SPECIAL MUSIC Maple Leaf Rag

Joplin

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Teresa Larson

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

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Reverie

DeBois

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Elder Lindsey McKee

By reaffirmation of faith

Eric Smith

By transfer of membership

Jilaine Bauer

Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Mequon, WI

Leslie "Les" Hepler
Lake Park Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI

Lynne Hepler
Lake Park Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI

Bailey Leckwee
First Presbyterian Church of Lodi, WI

Riley Leckwee
First Presbyterian Church of Lodi, WI

Laura Reid
Plymouth United Church of Christ, Milwaukee, WI

Friends of Immanuel Church

Jessie Angeleena Chintapalli
Laura Purtell Leech

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,
sharing 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?*

PRAYER AND WELCOME

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 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 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

(NT 205)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Stand Firm”

Dr. Bush

- * HYMN 708 We Give Thee but Thine Own

Schumann

- * BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude

Willan

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Ann Eisenbrown in loving memory of Robert Eisenbrown.*

After the postlude, an 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.

Coffee Hour will be served in the **Upper Room** immediately following worship today so that all may attend the **Stewardship Interpretation Presentation**. Hosts are members of the Stewardship Committee and Nancy Debbink and Carol Tsao.

Welcome Team members this morning are Marge Brindley, Margaret Crowley, and Virginia Riggs. 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. Use the following link to read this week's “Wednesday Grace” email with more information: <https://conta.cc/3LfUauT>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

Thank you to **today's liturgist Margaret Welch**, welcomed as an Immanuel friend earlier this year. If you would be interested in serving as a worship liturgist, please contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org).

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION TODAY

following worship in the Upper Room

The theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign is "Doing God's Work Together." It is our hope to receive 300 congregational pledges this fall to support next year's education, mission, worship and hospitality ministries. Join us as the Stewardship Committee offers an important post-worship presentation in which the 2026 draft church budget will be shared, including information about goals, projected expenses, and needed income. To complete the pledge form online, scan the QR code above.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Cleanup Buckets to be assembled TODAY

following worship in the Peaceable Kingdom (lower level)

Thank you for your donations!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in dire need of **emergency cleanup buckets** to support recovery efforts throughout Wisconsin after last summer's flooding. Thanks to many generous donations from Immanuel members and friends, **20 cleanup buckets are ready to be filled!** Buckets will be assembled today by our Church School children and youth.

CHURCH SCHOOL OUTING TO SANDHILL TREE FARM

NEXT Sunday, November 16 following worship

All Church School children, youth, and their families are invited to an afternoon at Sandhill Tree Farm in Grafton, owned by Immanuel members David and Jaclyn Ness. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun around the farm and help select this year's sanctuary Christmas trees. *A professional photographer will join us to take family holiday photos!* Sign up in the Peaceable Kingdom or email Cassie Olson, Program Coordinator: programcoordinator@immanuelwi.org.

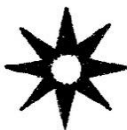
NEEDED: Tree Transportation!

Once the trees are selected, we will need some assistance bringing them back to Immanuel! We will have four trees that are 10-12' long. We are looking for someone who has a trailer or would be willing to coordinate renting a U-Haul. Please contact Rev. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) if you can help.

GIVING HOSPITALITY SOME SHINE: SILVER POLISHING!

Volunteers needed next Wednesday, November 19 from 10:00-noon

The Parish Life Council is organizing a team of volunteers to polish Immanuel's flatware, communion ware, and coffee service. This annual tradition helps the silver and flatware look especially lovely for the upcoming communion services and holiday season! A polishing team is gathering on November 19 in the Upper Room from 10:00-noon. Contact the church office to sign up.



LOOKING AHEAD . . .
ADVENT and CHRISTMAS
at IMMANUEL

ADVENT WORKSHOP

"Light in the Darkness" + Sunday, November 30 + 11:00-12:30

All are invited to participate in the Advent Workshop in the Upper Room on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, following worship. This year's workshop will focus on the theme "light in the darkness." There will be activities for all ages to enjoy, including the creation of an Advent wreath for your home and trimming the tree. Attendees are asked to bring a plate of cookies or holiday bread to share. Sign up in the Upper Room or use the following link to sign up so that there are adequate supplies and food on hand: https://bit.ly/IPC_AdventWorkshop2025.

2025 ADVENT BOOKLET

"The Pieces of Christmas"

Submission deadline is November 13

8 more writers needed!

This year's Advent booklet focuses on The Nativity, i.e., the pieces (people and things) that depict Christ's birth and the important messages or ideas they convey to us about Christmas. This year's booklet will showcase the many unique, meaningful Nativity sets (crèches) that Immanuel members and friends enjoy at home. Will you share yours? We need 8 more contributors!

Please sign up in the Upper Room. Each submission should include:

- 1) a picture(s) of the Nativity set:** Arrange pieces at home, take a photo with your phone or iPad, and send it to susankraebler@me.com. You can also drop by the church during business hours and we'll take the photo for you.
- 2) a few basic facts about your set:** If known, the country/place of origin, approximate age, and what it's made from (e.g., carved wood, porcelain).
- 3) a short response to this question "How does this Nativity reflect or expand your understanding of Christmas?"** Your response should be no more than 100 words. Please send it to Susan as part of an email to susankraebler@me.com or a digital document. You can also write it out and give it to her directly.

***The booklet will be available at the Advent Workshop
on November 30 — the first Sunday of Advent.***

THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sunday, December 7 + 11:00 – 1:00 in the Upper Room

For over thirty years, the annual Alternative Christmas Market has become one of Immanuel's favorite events. Many in the congregation, and beyond, appreciate the alternative this special event offers to the consumer culture that invades our Christmas season. Since 1995, the market has raised nearly a million dollars to support the work of partner organizations in Milwaukee and around the world.

We invite you to join Immanuel again this year for an unhurried and meaningful shopping experience, and an opportunity to purchase gifts that truly spread the good news of Christmas to those who need it most. Representatives from fourteen organizations and agencies will be on hand to talk with "shoppers" about the work of their organizations and how a gift to the Alternative Christmas Market can make a difference.

Make a plan today to come to the market and get to know our community in a new and deeper way. Enjoy holiday refreshments while you shop among friends and think about how the gifts you purchase will benefit people in Milwaukee and around the world. *Enjoy a different way to do Christmas!*

***Sign-up today to help host and provide refreshments
for the Alternative Christmas Market!***

Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments and assist with hospitality at the market. Please click the links below or sign up in the Upper Room today.

https://bit.ly/IPC_ACM_Refreshments2025

https://bit.ly/IPC_ACM_Volunteers2025

Questions? Contact market co-chairs Connie Goggin (ccohan44@gmail.com) and Susan Teerink (steerink11@gmail.com). The market shopping list will be available at the end of the month.

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TOY STORE

Gift collection begins November 30

Supporting the Christmas Toy Store at Christ Presbyterian Church (20th and Walnut Streets) is a holiday tradition at Immanuel. This year's annual Toy Store event will be held on Saturday, December 13. Over 500 children from the neighboring community (12 & under) will visit the store and receive an age-appropriate reading/coloring book, toy, board game and a hat/glove set. Join the children of the Immanuel Church School in contributing to this important project with new/gently used items like toys, games, coloring/reading books, crayons, markers, stuffed animals, balls, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, school supplies, dolls, cars/trucks, and puzzles. **Contributions may be dropped off on weekdays in the church office or bring them on November 30 and December 7 to place under the tree in the Upper Room.** Immanuel will deliver the gifts to Christ Church on the morning of Monday, December 8.

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

- ✦ **Wrap a gift for EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES** this holiday season. Immanuel members and friends are invited to help with the Eastside Senior Services (ESS) Gift Wrapping Project again this year at Boswell Book Store. Proceeds support the work of ESS, one of Immanuel's longtime local mission partners, which helps older adults in the East Side area to remain independent and in their own homes. **Volunteer gift wrappers are needed for 90-minute shifts.** Books are easy to wrap! For more information or questions, contact Julia Vosper (jvosper@sbcglobal.net). You may sign up on the clipboard or at: https://bit.ly/ESS_BoswellBooks_GiftWrapping2025.
- ✦ Thank you to Immanuel members and friends who have signed up to provide meals for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (Nov. 16-18). Volunteers with questions may reach out to Bobbi Timberlake (bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com).
- ✦ Thank you to those who volunteered to cook turkeys and to bring pies for **THE GATHERING** Meal Program's annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The turkeys are available for **pick up TODAY** in the Upper Room kitchen freezer with disposable pans, cooking instructions, and zip lock bags for those who signed up. Bring them back to church – cooked, deboned, and frozen next Sunday and return them to the same freezer. Baked pies should also be delivered next Sunday. Thank you, Immanuel friends, for this generous response that includes **15 turkeys** and more than **20 pies**!

INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY FOOD & FUND DRIVE

As tariffs take effect, grocery prices rise, and federal food assistance programs are slashed, Interchange Food Pantry is launching a drive for donations to help feed Milwaukee families. There are two ways to help:

- 1) **Donate food:** canned fruits, vegetables, soups, baked beans, and pasta sauce are most needed. A food collection bin is in the Astor Street Coat Room. Food donations will be collected through January 4.
- 2) **Donate funds:** A tax-deductible direct financial contribution makes dollars stretch up to 10 times farther – the pantry can buy food in bulk at wholesale prices. Donate online at www.interchangefoodpantry.org/donate or put a check in the offering plate made out to Interchange with “2025 drive” in the memo line. Checks may also be mailed directly to the Interchange Food Pantry, 130 E. Juneau Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

An Immanuel mission partner for over fifty years, Immanuel helped start Interchange in 1971. Committed to providing guests with nutritious food and compassion, the pantry expanded in 2018 to serve all Milwaukee zip codes. Immanuel members Allyson Nemec and Scott Silet serve on the Interchange board.



Hymns are listed out of order to make it easier to sing without a page turn.

Lord, When I Came into This Life 691

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, folk-like tune. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a vocal part. The first line of lyrics is: '1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you', '2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as', '3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -', '4 So help me in my un - be - lief and'. The second line of lyrics is: 'called me by my name; to - day I come, com -', 'mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with', 'tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it', 'let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed'. The third line of lyrics is: 'mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.', 'all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.', 'give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.', 'on the earth, my sights set high on you.' The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The music is written on four staves, with the first two staves for the Soprano and Alto parts, and the last two staves for the Tenor and Bass parts. The lyrics are placed below the staves, with each line of lyrics corresponding to a vocal part.

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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LAND OF REST

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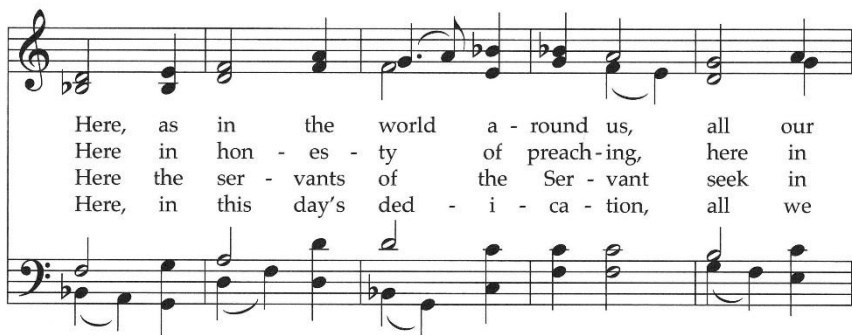
(alternate harmonization, 545)

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

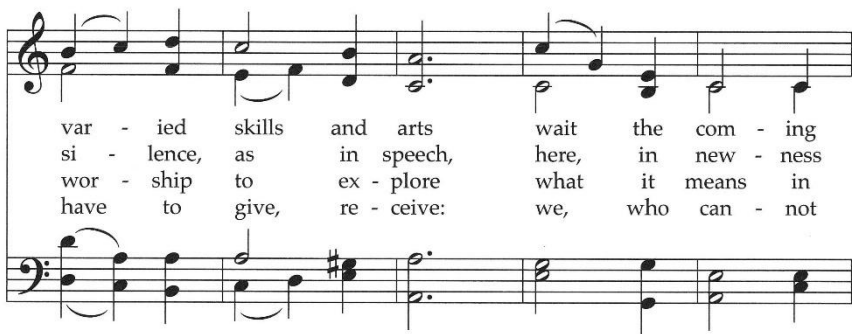
of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

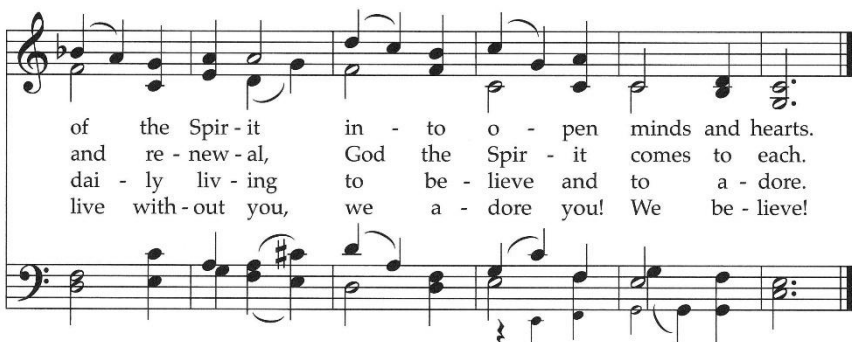
Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

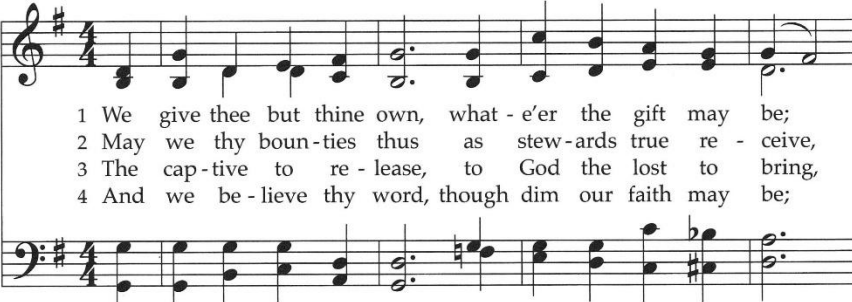


var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

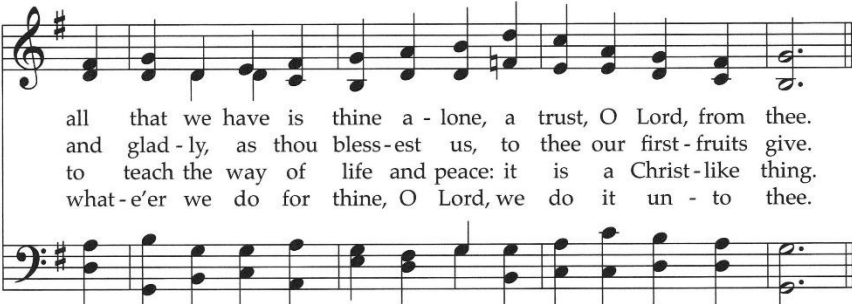


of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

We Give Thee but Thine Own 708



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

NOVEMBER 9

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP INTERPRETATION SUNDAY

8:55

Choir rehearsal

9:30-noon

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

10:00

Morning Worship; Dr. Bush preaching

Welcome new members and friends

10:30-noon

Church School for children and youth

11:30

with PDA Clean-Up Bucket Assembly

~ *The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level*

11:00

Stewardship Interpretation Coffee Hour ~ *Upper Room*

November 10

6:00

Choir rehearsal ~ *Choir Room, lower level*

November 13

7:00

Church School Committee meeting ~ *virtual*

NEXT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 16

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY

8:55

Choir rehearsal

9:30-noon

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

10:00

Morning Worship; Dr. Bush preaching

10:30-noon

Church School for children and youth

~ *The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level*

11:30

Church School Outing to Sandhill Tree Farm

November 17

noon

Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ *virtual*

6:00

Choir rehearsal ~ *Choir Room, lower level*

November 18

5:45

Meeting of the Session ~ *Upper Room*

November 19

10:00

Silver polishing ~ *Upper Room*

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

Available dates for Chancel flowers: If you would like to sponsor the flowers for **during Advent** (\$150 for the two arrangements), please contact the church office

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, Tom and Linda Neubauer, and Steve Jacobs; 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.**

**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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