

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeters:

Acolyte:

Liturgist:

Elementary Sunday School:

Middle School Sunday School:

Keyboard/Musician

Instrument Director:

Praise Team Leader:

Mrs. Grace Havis
Mrs. Linda Potter
Owen Potter
Mrs. LeeAnn Kane
Mrs. Grace Havis
Mrs. Kiffon Lewis
Mr. Tyler Slaby
Mr. Maurice Mestemacher
Ms. Elizabeth Ahrens

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Greeters:

Acolyte:

Liturgist:

Elementary Sunday School:

Middle School Sunday School:

Mrs. Kiffon Lewis
Mrs. Jill Winte
Noah Lewis
Mrs. Betty Gengler
Ms. Emily Spitze
Ms. Missy Carter
Mrs. Linda Potter

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February 9, 2020

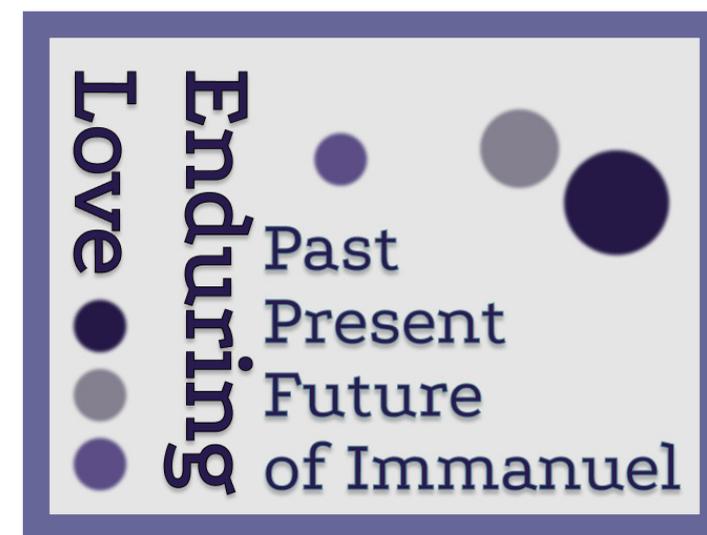
We seek to be God's people in attitude and action as we:

Experience and Share God's grace joyfully,

Live and Teach God's Word faithfully,

Accept and Serve God's people lovingly.

You are invited to join us in this mission...



ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Those who are comfortably able may stand

Ringling of the Bell Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: Today we respect all of humanity, however specifically we honor Black History Month. Do you have a vision of God's peace?

C: From Micah, we remember "The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

L: Do you have a vision of God's justice?

C: From Amos, we are reminded of God's words, "I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them."

L: Have you glimpsed God's vision?

C: We agree with the vision of Jeremiah, "See, I am going to bring God's children from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind, and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together a great company all of God's children will come for restoration of justice and renewal from mercy."

ALL: Yes, we come together with a vision! We imagine freedom from oppression and deliverance from captivity to witness the words of Amos "let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream." Words adapted from *Guide My Feet* by Marian Wright Edelman

*Community Song—*For the Healing of the Nations* v. 1, 2 & 4 #428

*Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Each are invited to share blessings with each other through a hand-shake, a hug, or a smile.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 9

8:45 am Worship

9:45 am Elementary/Middle School Sunday School
Seeker's Class

Adult Study on "The Walk" - Journey's Inn Room

10:30 am Praise Community Fellowship

12:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use—Madison County
Historical Society

Monday, February 10

7:15 pm AA

9:30 pm Panera Pick-Up—Levin

Wednesday, February 12

9:15 am Head Start Reading—Levin

12:00 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club

6:00 pm Sistahs

6:30 pm OWL Curriculum Class

7:30 pm Contemplative Worship

Thursday, February 13

12:00 pm United Methodist Women

March Newsletter & Calendar Items Due

Friday, February 14

11:00 am Free Lunch Friday until 1:00 pm

6:30 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club

Saturday, February 15

9:00—10:30 am Middle School Youth Visit Nursing Home

Sunday, February 16

8:45 am Worship with Holy Communion

9:45 am Elementary/Middle School Sunday School
Seeker's Class

Adult Study on "The Walk" - Journey's Inn Room

10:30 am Praise Community Fellowship

Prayer Ministry (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

- + Marlene VanCamp, knee replacement
Haydon Grammer, recovering from surgery
Family of Mindy, friend of Emily Spitze, who passed away on January 28

- ++ Evelyn Schaaake, who was hospitalized this past week with pneumonia
Granny Ruth—Grandmother of the Havis children—recovery from a heart attack
Jim Bizallion, grandfather of Kiffon Lewis and step-father of Jill Winte, who is recovering from emergency surgery for a brain bleed caused by a fall
Praise Report—Cindy Cameron has retired! (Errick has not—he is still doing what he loves!)
Family of David Grotefendt in his passing

- +++ The family of Tiana Washington

- ++++ The family of Frank Hanfelder

Celebrating Birthdays This Week:

2/09 Jewell McGhee, Kieren Sharp
2/10 Drew McCullough
2/15 Trace Spitze

Celebrating Their Anniversary:

2/10 Tony & Ashlei Anderson
2/14 Armand & Patricia Boudreau
Kurt & Dawn Emshousen

2020 Monthly Income & Expense

Current Expense (Operating)

Budgeted Expenses, February	\$17,145.00
Received	\$ 4,810.00

Benevolence (Missions/Disaster Relief)

Owed by 02/29/2020*	\$ 1,754.00
Received	\$ 350.00

*\$877.00 monthly

SISTAHS—All women are welcome at Sistahs this Wednesday, February 12 beginning at 6:00 pm. All are invited to bring items needed by the St. Louis Crisis Nursery. Suggestions include: art paint, play dough, size 4, 5 and 6 diapers and pull-ups, Wipes, High Efficiency laundry detergent, dish soap, Size AA, AAA, C, D and 9V batteries, Disney Children’s DVD’s, kitchen trash bags, paper plates, plastic spoons and forks. For more information google crisisnurserykids.org.

2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available from the church office. Call the office or send an email and our secretary will get your statement sent to you. Since only about half of the statements are picked up each year, we want to avoid wasting paper and envelopes that would have to be shredded. Thanks for your understanding.

Creative Moment

This is a time for us to creatively re-imagine and play with today’s message and application. The children are invited to the front of the church, however all are invited to participate.

Community Sharing

There are prayer cards in each pew for your convenience. Or, you may wish to simply share a spoken request.

Prayers for the People

We give you thanks for the prophets who have called us to see the pain of injustice and ill treatment.

With faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

(silence)

We pray for those who face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, knowing we still have a dream.

We have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low.

(silence)

We pray for all that experience tension in society that will help us rise from dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights of understanding and intimacy.

We confess we have felt the outcry of the hurting.

(silence)

We pray for all humans that have been beat down, thrown aside, or left lingering for one reason or another.

We confess that sometimes we have only offered shallow understanding and lukewarm acceptance.

(silence)

Responsive Prayer

Together we find strength, encouragement and direction through the inspirational words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “We’ve got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn’t matter with me now because I’ve been to the mountaintop. I just want to do God’s will and God will allow us to visit the mountaintop and see the Promised Land.” We confess our sins and seek to be forgiven, and become purified from unrighteousness, as our eyes see the glory of the coming of the Lord.

Words adapted from S. Jewell S. McGhee reflections on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Song of Prayer—*Before the Throne of God Above*

Charitie Bancroft & Vicki Cook

This is your prayer time. Feel free to come to the altar, sit in your pew, sing or not sing. This is your time!

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
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Scripture Readings

Matthew 4:18-20

2 Corinthians 5:20

Matthew 28:19-20

p. 3 NT

p. 170 NT

p. 32 NT

Sermon Series: The Walk

Today’s Sermon—“The Power of Personal Reviews”

Receiving of Gifts

Isn’t it a privilege to give to God? May each of you be blessed!

Song of Sending—Lord of the Dance*

v. 1, 4 & 5 #261

*Benediction

L: As we go forth, we recognize that we long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference.

C: May it be so, through God’s grace, God’s presence, God’s healing power and the witness of God’s word!

*Postlude

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NURSING HOME VISITATION this Saturday, February 15 from 9-10:30 am. We will visit with some residents who don't get many visitors. Please RSVP to Kiffon as soon as you know your schedules.

INVITATION FOR GLEN ED PANTRY VOLUNTEERING PARISHIONERS—There is a reception planned honoring Judy Moody who is retiring from the Glen Ed Pantry in Edwardsville, IL. On February 27th from 6-8 pm at the Pantry, there will be a celebration for Judy's long tenure, and an introduction of the new directors. Please RSVP to lara_johnson@yahoo.com, or Michelle Babb at face4audio@gmail.com.

CONTRIBUTIONS AT IMMANUEL—If you do not use the boxed set of contribution envelopes from Immanuel, you might not be aware that you are able to direct your contributions to different funds. The contribution envelope has lines for the following:

Current Expense is our operating fund, and this is where your contributions go if they are not marked differently. This is the account that pays all the everyday bills and salaries, plus the apportionments assigned to us by the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. The annual budget set for our Current Expense account in 2020 by the Church Council is \$213,455.

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP—God of love, as we share valentines this week, remind us also to share practical expressions of your love for all: food, shelter, clean water, acceptance of differences, a helping hand.

WELCOME! As God called the prophets and as Jesus called the disciples, the Holy Spirit has called us—to this time of worship and to life in God's love always. Welcome!

ENDURING LOVE—Today as the Prelude begins our service each of you who might wish to write your thoughts on the Enduring Love Bulletin Insert, feel free to write about "Favorite Music & Liturgy," and place your slip of paper in the Offering Plate as we receive not only our Financial Offerings, but also our spiritual memories as offerings! Share anything you might remember about experiences at Immanuel United Methodist Church in past days and/or years. As we continue this journey, let us come together and "give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting." (Psalm 136:1 NASB)

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CREATIVE EVENT FOR ENDURING LOVE—We are preparing for the Creative Event and pot-luck luncheon that is planned for February 23—gathering immediately after church! In remembering our past, begin collecting photos of the past at Immanuel UMC. Collect favorite recipes. Write down favorite short poems, scriptures or songs celebrated at Immanuel UMC. Don't be afraid! Pastor Jewell will lead us as to how we can begin the creation of a beautiful collection of past memories of Immanuel UMC! A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Hospitality Room for our Old-Fashioned Pot-Luck. Please indicate what type of food you plan to bring.

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