

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeters:  
Acolyte:  
Liturgist:  
Elementary Sunday School:  
Middle School Sunday School:  
Pianist:  
Keyboard/Musician:  
Instrument Director:  
Praise Team Leader:

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

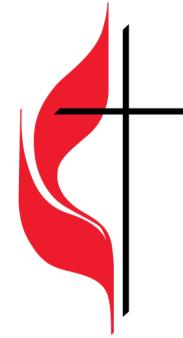
Next Week's Worship Leaders

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  
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*Born March 1, 1859*

**Immanuel United  
Methodist Church**

**March 8, 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...*



**Presence in the Present**  
The Mindfulness of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*Those who are comfortably able may stand

### Ringling of the Bell

#### Prelude

#### \*Responsive Gathering Words

L: O God, we gather together in Your presence with expectation,  
hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.

C: **Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.  
May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning  
fall on fertile soil.**

**May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an  
abundant harvest of good words and deeds.**

All: **We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our  
Lord. Amen.**

- Christine Longhurst

\*Community Song—*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* v. 1, 2 & 4 #694

#### \*Welcome & Passing of the Peace

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

#### 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.*

#### Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus Christ, we remember with gratitude those people who previously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, March 8

#### Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 8:45 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:45 am Elementary/Middle School Sunday School
- 9:45 am Careful Care in Journey's Inn Room
- 10:30 am Praise Community Fellowship

### Monday, March 9

- 7:15 pm AA
- 9:30 pm Panera Pick-Up—Levin

### Wednesday, March 11

- 9:15 am Head Start Reading—Pam Clarkin
- 12:00 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club
- 6:30 pm OWL Curriculum Class

### Thursday, March 12

- 12:00 pm United Methodist Women

### Friday, March 13

- 11:00 am Free Lunch Friday until 1:00 pm
- 6:30 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club

### Saturday, March 14

- 8:30 am Community Day of Service begins at Township Park

### Sunday, March 15

- 8:45 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:45 am Elementary/Middle School Sunday School
- 9:45 am Careful Care in Journey's Inn Room
- 10:30 am Praise Community Fellowship

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

**\*Lenten Benediction**

**In this Season,  
May we be reborn,  
Washed clean,  
Made new  
Forgiven,  
And Spectacularly Loved!**

**\*Postlude**

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**—God, I bring all that I am today before you. Thank you for always welcoming me with open arms.

**WELCOME!** Dear family of God, welcome to worship! May you be blessed, and be a blessing to others, during our time together here and in the coming days.

**PI DAY FUNDRAISER**—The United Methodist Women invite you to celebrate PI(e) Day on 3.14. Today is the last day to place your order for delicious home made pies, both 8" and 9", for \$10.00 and \$15.00. Varieties are apple, chocolate, custard, pecan, pineapple cream, lemon meringue, strawberry and Toll House. Pick up your pies on March 14 from noon until 2:00, or by appointment with Penny May.

**others; the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours; the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement; the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and promised.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry.**

**Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, and your undying life. We invite your presence in this prayer as we confess these places of vulnerability before you and each other.**

- Moira Laidlaw, and posted on *Liturgies Online*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Song of Prayer—*Restless***

Audrey Assad, Matt Maher

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

You are invited to receive Holy Communion during this time.

You dwell in the songs that we are singing  
Rising to the Heavens, rising to Your heart, Your heart  
Our praises filling up the spaces  
In between our frailty and everything You are  
You are the keeper of my heart

And I'm restless, I'm restless  
'Til I rest in You, 'til I rest in You  
I am restless, I'm restless  
'Till I rest in You, 'til I rest in You  
Oh God, I wanna rest in You

Oh, speak now for my soul is listening  
Say that You have saved me, whisper in the dark, the dark.  
'Cause I know You're more than my salvation  
Without you I am hopeless, tell me who You are  
You are the keeper of my heart  
You are the keeper of my heart

And I'm restless, I'm restless  
'Til I rest in You, 'til I rest in You  
I am restless, I'm restless

'Til I rest in You, 'til I rest in You, Oh  
I wanna rest in You

Still my heart, hold me close  
Let me hear, a still small voice  
Let it grow, let it rise  
Into a shout, into a cry

Still my heart, hold me close  
Let me hear, a still small voice  
Let it grow, let it rise  
Into a shout, into a cry

And I am restless, I'm restless  
'Til I rest in You, let me rest in You  
And I am restless, so restless  
'Til I rest in You, 'til I rest in You, Oh God  
Let me rest in You.

### Centering Words

Christ Jesus, as the earth welcomes seed, we would like to welcome your word. In long moments of silent ... by day and by night ... it begins to grow within us, without our knowing how. And so, you make us women and men, boys and girls, brothers

and sisters, black and white, gay and straight, siblings in Christ of communion.  
Come, witness to our hearts through your Holy Spirit in this moment for we welcome your Word!  
- Sacred Pauses *blog*. <http://www.sacredpauses.com/>

**Scripture Reading**—Mark 4:1-9

pp. 35-36 NT

**Sermon Series:** Presence in the Present

**Today's Sermon:** "Soil Samples"

Pastor Jewell McGhee

### Receiving of Gifts

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

**\*Song of Sending**—*Who You Say I Am*

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

I am chosen  
Not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me  
Not against me  
I am who You say I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

I am chosen  
Not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me  
Not against me  
I am who You say I am  
I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

**YOU CAN NOW VIEW OUR ZINE!** The zine that was prepared by the congregation on Sunday, February 26, has been posted on our website. It looks so awesome! Be sure to visit our website to view the pages that were made at our Creative Event and read memories of the past that were shared by the congregation during January and February. You all did a great job!

**CHICKEN DINNER AT THE MOOSE**—Immanuel is hosting an all-you-can-eat meal of Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Corn, Green Salad plus Coffee, Tea or Water at Edwardsville Moose Lodge #1561 on Sunday, March 22 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. We need donations of desserts, which are sold separately, and we need helpers to serve, sell desserts and clean up. There are sign-up sheets in the Hospitality Room or speak to Teresa or Christal Akers-Helle.

**THE CHILDREN'S EASTER PROGRAM** will be presented during morning worship on Palm Sunday, April 5, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt. Donations of candy or small toys that would fit in an egg are appreciated.

**KIDS NIGHT OUT** will meet next on Friday, March 20, 5:30 to 8:30 pm in the lower level. Kid's Night Out is for all kids age 3 through those in 5th grade. The children eat supper together, then get into small groups for lots of fun activities. A reservation is required—please sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room. Adult helpers are always needed for this growing program. Thanks!

**YARD CLEANUP FOR SENIORS**—SIUE staff, students and faculty are offering free yard cleanup services on March 14 and 28. Call Missy ASAP at 618-650-5164.

**SAVE THE DATE**—May 16, 2020—Global 6K Walk for Water.

**Celebrating Birthdays This Week:**

3/08 Phyllis Fisher  
 3/10 Dakota Zirges  
 3/11 Eric Levin  
 3/13 Sheila Beegle, Kurtis Roniger  
 3/14 Bill Kreutzberg, Jessica Spengler

**2020 Monthly Income & Expense**

**Current Expense (Operating)**  
 Budgeted Expenses, March \$17,441.00  
 Received \$ 4,250.54  
**Benevolence (Missions/Disaster Relief)**  
 Owed by 3/31/2020 \$ 2,631.00  
 Received \$ 875.00

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

- + Victims of Nashville tornado  
 Dale Brueggemann, father of Joanie Green, broken hip  
 Family of Roger Kuchta, father-in-law of Carrie Kuchta who is the daughter of Missy Carter and sister of Dan Carter  
 Kim Poteet, recovering from radiation  
 Evelyn Boswell, a Tennessee toddler who has been missing since mid-December
- ++ The family of Evelyn Schaae at her passing—memorial service will be held on March 21
- +++ Prayers for everyone who has and is experiencing the illness going from person to person  
 Wally Maedge, healing for a hairline crack in his hip
- ++++ The family of Jim Bazillion, grandfather & step-father to Kiffon Lewis & Jill Winte at his passing

**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 down "Offering Our Present to God" and place your paper in the Offering Plate as we receive not only our Financial Offerings, but also our spiritual experiences as offerings! What causes us to resist looking at the Present? Write what that might be for you. 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)

**'CAREFUL CARE' CLASS CONTINUES TODAY**—We are extremely blessed to have Alton Memorial Hospital Chaplain Pastor Sarah Dierker lead us in a series of classes called "Careful Care." Though these classes are primarily intended for our Care Team members, anyone who may be interested in becoming more mindful of self-care and spiritual growth are invited to attend. Today's topic will be "Active Listening." We hope you will join us as we discuss ways to support one another in our deepest grief and greatest joys as a church family.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY**—The third annual Community Day of Service will be held this Saturday, March 14. The day begins at 8:30 am at Township Park for prayer and donuts. You will then spread out to work on various projects, including painting, yard work, and small home-repair and maintenance projects. Lunch will be available at the park from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Contact Michelle at faithcoalitionedwardsville@gmail.com to match projects with participants.