

Today's Worship Leaders

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

Mrs. Kiffon Lewis
Mrs. Jill Winte
Noah Lewis
Mrs. Betty Gengler
Ms. Emily Spitze
Ms. Missy Carter
Mrs. Linda Potter
Mrs. Rhonda Grammer
Mr. Tyler Slaby
Ms. Elizabeth Ahrens

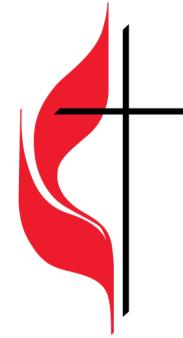
Next Week's Worship Leaders

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Elementary Sunday School:
Middle School Sunday School:

Mrs. Grace Havis
Ms. Emily Spitze
Ayden Hendriex
Noah Penelton
Pastor Jewell McGhee
Mrs. Linda Potter
Mrs. Kiffon Lewis

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**Immanuel United
Methodist Church**

March 15, 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

Ring of the Bell Prelude

*Gathering Words

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. When the Israelites hungered in the desert, God gave them bread from heaven, and for their thirst God brought water out of the rock. Arise and cry out! Pour out your hearts like water to the Lord. We lift our hands to God in prayer for the lives of all in need. We gather together in worship this day as a people longing to be fed. Holy Spirit fill us with your Holy food for the soul, so that we may go out to feed by working for justice and loving mercy. We gather in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

*Community Song—*This Is Amazing Grace*

Phil Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 15

8:45 am Worship
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 16

7:15 pm AA
9:30 pm Panera Pick-Up—May

Tuesday, March 17

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 18

6:00 pm Sistahs
6:30 pm OWL Curriculum Class

Thursday, March 19

6:30 pm Core Team for Reconciling Ministries
April Newsletter & Calendar Items Due

Friday, March 20

First Day of Spring!

Free Lunch Friday has been suspended until April 3

Saturday, March 21

9—11:00 am Visitation for Evelyn Schaake
11:00 am Funeral followed by Luncheon

Sunday, March 22

UMCOR SUNDAY

8:45 am Worship
9:45 am Elementary/Middle School Sunday School
9:45 am Careful Care in Journey's Inn Room
10:30 am Praise Community Fellowship
11:00 am Chicken Dinner Fundraiser at the Moose Lodge until 3:00 pm

Amen Amen Amen
God we praise You
God we praise You

Praise God for all that He has done
Praise Him for He has overcome
The grave is beaten love has won
Praise God our Savior, Christ the Son

Amen Amen Amen
God we praise You
God we praise You

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

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WELCOME! The doors of this house are open to one and all. Today we praise God as brothers and sisters in Christ.

CANCELLATIONS—Due to information received from Main Street Community Center, the Troy Senior Center, the Department of Aging and the Department of Public Health, we will be suspending all congregational meals and social activities for the remainder of March. There will be no Free Lunch Friday, no Kid’s Night Out and no Bridge Club. The status of the Moose Lodge Chicken Dinner has not yet been decided. We will have more information for you in our next Weekly Reminder.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You’ve done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy, Worthy, Worthy

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***Peace Be With You** (using sign language)

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Prayer

Lord, you dwell within the limits and press beyond them all, for borders are not borders with you, and death is a gateway to life; take us to the thin places where hearts are thrown open wide, feet sink into earth, and the sky sings a new song; through Jesus Christ, the passion of God, Amen!

Song of Prayer—*The More I Seek You*

Words & Music by Zach Neese

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

The more I seek You
The more I find You
The more I find You
The more I love You

The more I seek You
The more I find You
The more I find You
The more I love You

I want to sit at Your feet
Drink from the cup in your hand
Lay back against you and breathe
Feel your heart beat
This love is so deep
It's more than I can stand
I melt in Your peace
It's overwhelming.

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Scripture Reading—Mark 4:21-25

p. 36 NT

Sermon Series: Presence in the Present

Today's Sermon: "Light in the Storm"

***Litany of Gratitude**

L: We rejoice in the abundance of your creation, the lavish generosity of the water flowing in dry places, the green plants that spring up out of the ground for food.

C: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

L: We rejoice in the gift of your son, Jesus, whom you anointed to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and sight to the blind.

C: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

L: We rejoice in the coming of your Holy Spirit, who guides us, inspires us, and will not let us see rest while there is hunger in your world.

C: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

L: We have hope today because of your promises that hunger and thirst will be no more, and that your banquet table has room for all. We look to the day when all will be fed. We have hope today because Jesus taught us a new way to love and serve one another.

C: Gracious God, who called the prophets to act in your name, and equipped them to deliver your message of justice, may we be your hands and feet on earth.

All: Gracious God, whose spirit inspires your people in every generation to live out the Gospel in our own time, may we be your hands and feet on earth. Today we rejoice. We hope. We act. And we dedicate ourselves and everything we do to you, God of all. Amen.

Song of Sending—*Doxology/Amen

Phil Wickham

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

UMCOR SUNDAY—Next Sunday, March 22, is UMCOR Sunday. Designated gifts benefit the ministry of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Through UMCOR we can make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upended by storms, wars, climate change, and displacement—we see the impact of extravagant grace through the generosity of United Methodists.

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 next 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 wrapped candy or small toys that would fit in a plastic Easter egg are much appreciated. You may place your donations in the tub located in the Hospitality Room by next Sunday.

THE ALL CHURCH PICTURE taken on Sunday, March 1 is on display in the Hospitality Room. Many thanks to Bob Ahrens, who did a great job photoshopping in members who weren’t in attendance on March 1!

EASTER LILIES/BLUE HYACINTH—This year we are ordering blue hyacinth along with our Easter lilies. Cost is \$10 each for a 6” pot. Place today’s insert in the offering plate. We will place our order tomorrow, adding a few extra for those who were not able to order today.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week:

3/15	Donna Condrey, Gary Koenig Brandy Page, Brittney Page
3/17	Ashlei Anderson, Haydon Grammer Dave Poteet, Candy Wentz
3/18	Joshua Newman
3/20	Teresa Akers-Helle

2020 Monthly Income & Expense

Current Expense (Operating)	
Budgeted Expenses, March	\$17,441.00
Received	\$ 6,733.04
Benevolence (Missions/Disaster Relief)	
Owed by 3/31/2020	\$ 2,631.00
Received	\$ 975.00

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

+	Gary White—brother of Mary Reiter, bacterial infection after amputation of leg Missy Carter, respiratory issues Praise Report from Paige & Shelly Brase—they were involved in an auto accident that totaled their car, but no one was hurt!
++	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 Schaake 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

‘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.” Today’s topic will be “Appropriate Response.” 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.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS—We are now including prayer requests in our Weekly Reminder, which will eliminate the necessity of making phone calls through the Prayer Chains. This will streamline the process of making prayer requests known to everyone. If you do not have e-mail but would like to pray for someone during a troubled time, please call the church office.

MEMORIAL SERVICE & LUNCHEON—The memorial service for Evelyn Schaake will be held this coming Saturday, March 21. Visitation will be from 9 am until 11 am, with the service beginning at 11 am, followed by a luncheon. If you would like to donate a dish for the luncheon, please speak to Peggy Worthey or call her at 973-5623.

SISTAHS will meet this Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 pm. We are invited to bring supplies for Metro-East Humane Society/Partners for Pets. Paper towels and doggy blankets are some of the things needed. They are not in need of pet food.