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*Christ,*  
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2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV



## Immanuel United Methodist Church

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**May 3, 2020**

### Invitation to Connect

*Get Ready! Be Ready! Let's Gather!*

Pastor Jewell McGhee

### Ringling of the Bell

### Welcome to Worship

Pastor Jackie Havis-Shear

### Tender Call to Worship

Teresa & Christal Akers-Helle

By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

### Unison Prayer of Invocation

Teresa & Christal Akers-Helle

**Merciful God,  
We come together to worship longing for tenderness  
because this world can be hard.  
We come longing for light  
because our lives are crowded with shadows.  
We come desperately needing direction.  
Fill us this morning with your peace:  
Your Spirit is our peace and our path.**

### Community Song—*God Loves You*

Mark James Heimermann, Wayne Kirkpatrick

In the quiet, love is reaching,  
It's yours to hold,  
Be still and know that  
Even when you're lost and lonely,  
And hope is gone, you're not alone.

The road ahead is long and winding.  
With eyes of faith, you'll find the way.  
And when the journey leaves you weary,  
You can rest in the comfort of heaven's arms  
Sweet loving arms.

Far beyond the understanding,  
There's a hand that leads,  
if you believe.

And peace will follow.  
Peace be with you always,  
As you go.

Through the darkness, see the light.  
Remember God loves you.

For now you know that

Through the darkness, there's a light  
Remember God loves you.

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When you open up your heart,  
His love will meet you where you are.  
He will always be a part of everything you do.  
He is here to set you free,  
And give you all the strength you need  
To carry on, to carry on.

### **Invitation to Share Prayers, Concerns, Praises**

Pastor Jewell McGhee

*Feel free to connect in the comment section*

### **Community Sharing**

Pastor Jackie Havis-Shear

### **Responsive Prayer**

Pastor Jackie Havis-Shear

**Jesus died. He was buried. On the third day He rose.  
Thank you, God, for hope when hope was lost,  
and for life when death had won.  
In these pandemic times, when so many are suffering and dying,  
resurrect within our world, the faith and hope and love we need to survive.  
This Easter Season, accept our humble hosannas, which are linked  
with our deepest prayers for relief from this virus.  
Healer of every ill, we need you now.  
With Christians around the world, and the angels in heaven  
we proclaim the mystery of our faith;  
Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

### **Scripture Reading—Isaiah 43:2, 19-20**

Ms. Liz Ahrens

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze...  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

## **Song of Prayer—*Desert Song***

Music & Lyrics by Brooke Ligertwood

This is my prayer in the desert  
When all that's within me feels dry  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need  
My God is the God who provides

And this is my prayer in the fire  
In weakness or trial or pain  
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold  
So refine me Lord through the flames

I will bring praise, I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice, I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

This is my prayer in the battle  
When triumph is still on its way  
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ  
So firm on His promise I'll stand

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No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice, I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

All of my life in every season  
You are still God and I have a reason to sing  
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This is my prayer in the harvest  
When favor and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
This seed I've received I will sow

## **Blessing of the Gifts of Bread and Cup Holy Communion**



### **Scripture Reading—II Corinthians 5:17-19**

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

**Sermon—** We Cannot Go Back!

Pastor Jackie Havis-Shear

**Invitation to Respond to God's Word**

Pastor Jewell McGhee

**Song of Sending—*This Is A Move***

Music & Lyrics by Tony Brown, Nate Moore, Brandon Lake, Tasha Cobbs

The mountains are still being moved  
Strongholds are still being loosed  
God we believe it  
Yes, we can see it  
That wonders are still what You do

And bodies are still being raised  
Giants are still being slayed  
God, we believe it  
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That wonders are still what You do

We are here for You  
Come and do what You do  
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Come and do what You do  
Set our hearts on You  
Come and do what You do  
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## Blessing for the Week

Pastor Sarah Dierker

With each unfolding seed, with every Spring,  
God breathes the rumor of the resurrection,  
As birdsong calls our hidden hearts to sing.  
So may this season be a blessed benediction,  
To lift your love, and bid your prayer take wing,  
To thaw your frozen hope, to warm your mind,  
For Spring has come! Can Heaven be far behind?  
—Malcome Guite

## Invitation to Share Goodbyes and Well Wishes!

Pastor Jewell McGhee

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

- ++ The family of Gary White, brother of Mary Reiter, who passed away recently  
Wanda Marth, who is very weary and on hospice care  
Jerry White, a friend of Gary & Sharon Koenig, fighting cancer  
A high school friend of Eric Zelasko who has been placed on hospice due to pancreatic cancer
- +++ John Schwalb and family, Tiffany, Alexander and Nancy who are all in quarantine, as John recovers from Covid-19  
Debra Pitts and family on the passing of her mother
- ++++ Errick Cameron reports he is recovering and able to do yard work!  
Myles and Bre Cameron, son and daughter-in-law of Errick & Cindy have now recovered from Covid-19  
Janice Schoonover suffering with pneumonia, friend of Gary and Sharon Koenig, is now at Elmwood Rehabilitation Center in Maryville  
Melanie and Matt Neely and their children Cooper and Olivia, Jill and Doug Garbs' daughter living in New Jersey  
Friend of Errick Cameron suffering with Covid-19  
Strength and endurance for all people serving in medically associated fields of responsibility

### 2020 Monthly Income & Expense

#### **Current Expense (Operating)**

Budgeted Expenses, April	\$19,885.25
Actual Expenses, April	\$17,987.68
Received	\$13,422.00
Budgeted Expenses, May	\$17,296.00

#### **Benevolence (Missions/Disaster Relief)**

Owed by 5/31/2020	\$ 4,385.00
Received	\$ 2,325.00

**National Day of Prayer** is Thursday, May 7

**UMW Spirit Raiser**—In honor of Mother's Day several UMW members are volunteering their talents to provide sweets: Chocolate Chip Cookies (with pecans), Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, Snickerdoodles, Texas Cake, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Bread Pudding, Pecan Pie, Custard Pie (with coconut or without). Call Penny May to order by May 5th.

### Celebrating Birthdays this Week

5/03	Shelby Grammer
5/05	Kathleen Coady Andre Doss Linda Emshousen Terry Rhodes
5/08	John "Doc" Shear

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