

Immanuel United Methodist Church

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Ringing of the Bell

Centering Words

Eloise Allen

That our hearts would be open to you, O God. That we may release every defense against your Spirit's guidance. That we would receive the wisdom you intend for us. May it be so.

Song—*Holy Spirit*

Performed by BethAnne Havis, Derek Twesten

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*I Surrender All*

Performed by Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer

A Blessing for Letting Go and Stretching Beyond

Liz Ahrens

May today offer you what your spirit needs
to evolve, to expand, to unfold.
May it stretch you, but just enough.
Not by force nor demand,
but through the kind of invitation that only opens slowly,
too careful to be rushed.

May you be brave enough to loosen your grip
on what you know and perceive -
on what you have learned from fear
or inherited from lineages of cruelty.

May you give thanks for all the sources that gifted you with
survival and wisdom, perspective and protection -
but not let your gratitude unnecessarily wed you to them forever.
Everything has limitations. Even truths that have freed you.
With proper nourishment, we shed and outgrow.

Maybe there are some things that served you well for an era,
but not any longer.
Maybe it's time to rethink, reshape, review.
Maybe you're ready to release another untruth
handed to you early on,

meant to keep you in line, in order, in compliance.
What might be replaced with acceptance
of your power and potential?
For the sake of your own becoming, and also, us all.
Your soul-work is essential to the labors of love -
collective and eternal.

Material, relational, and communal repair are all forms of hearing made possible by souls entangled
in shared longings and commitments.

And so may this day feed you and challenge you,
surprise and comfort you,
that you might have what you need
to be courageous, to be humble,
and to let your soul grow.

—Rev. M Barclay, enfleshed.com

Prayer

Pastor Sarah Dierker

Scripture—James 3:1-12 NIV

Isabelle Kane

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Sermon Series: Don't Just Believe It, Live It

Today's Sermon: "Choose Your Words Carefully"

Pastor David Roderick

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick
CCLI #2836520

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Preparation for Worship—At the end of summer, I am a mix of melancholy and excitement. Holy Spirit, inspire my trust in you even as seasons and schedules change.

Welcome! Jesus calls us to deny self and follow Him in the way of the cross. May our worship strengthen us to serve our neighbors in love.

Holy Spirit

Bryan Torwalt, Katie Torwalt

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare, You're our living hope
Your Presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is
undone
Your Presence, Lord

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
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I Surrender All

Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter, Winfield Scott Weeden

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

I surrender all
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All to Thee, my blessed Saviour
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

I surrender all
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All to Thee, my blessed Saviour
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All to Jesus I surrender
Lord, I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
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Prayer/Praise Ministry (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

- + Paige Brase asks for prayer for the school year

- ++ Cindy and Errick Cameron celebrate the birth of a new grandbaby born Monday, August 17, Annabelle Lucille Vance, who weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces to Shawn and Charlie Vance. “A beautiful, healthy blessing to our family!”

- +++ The family of Jerry White, friend of Gary & Sharon Koenig
Brittney Gilleland asks for prayer for their county (Pierce County, Washington) as Covid-19 cases continue to rise
Karen Trone, who is on hospice care
Aunt Betsy Schott, cancer treatments—aunt of Lisa Allen
Denise Threlkeld, cancer treatments leading to surgery
Wanda Marth, who is on hospice care

- ++++ Doo Nee Loo who is having health issues

ONLINE WORSHIP—Our service will be shared via Facebook Live beginning at 8:30 am this Sunday morning. This means that you can join in the worship service at any time and pick it up in progress, or view the replay after it is over. We look forward to having you join us! Our hope is that you will follow the bulletin on a separate device or print it out so that you can fully participate in the worship experience.

<https://www.facebook.com/Immanuelonmain.org/>

Celebrating Birthdays this Week:

8/30 Ashley Gorham, Henry Zelasko
8/31 Rhonda Grammer
9/01 Liz Ahrens
9/02 Diane (Hodge) Jones
9/03 Libby Metcalf
9/04 Janet Fisher

Celebrating Their Anniversary:

8/31 Tom & Penny May

CHURCH OFFICERS and committee members for 2021 are now being sought. Please prayerfully consider whether you feel called to serve if you get a phone call from a member of the Nominations committee!

TECH ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED! If you have technical experience or are willing to learn, we are looking for people to help with getting our worship services into your homes each week — from videoing to uploading. Please contact Pastor David or Teresa Akers-Helle (618 560-9562) if you are interested.

2020 Monthly Income & Expense

Current Expense (Operating)

Budgeted Expenses, August	\$16,240.00
Received-checks/cash/online	\$11,143.13
Received-Venmo app	\$ 375.00
Received-Pay Pal	\$ 115.92

Benevolence (Missions/Disaster Relief)

Owed by 8/31/2020	\$ 7,016.00
Received this year	\$ 3,200.00

SISTAHS will meet next on Thursday, September 17, 7:00 pm at Lisa Allen’s back yard. The book choice is Dear White Christians by Aaron Layton, which can be found on Amazon. We will discuss the first chapter. The charity will be I Support the Girls. Please bring bras or feminine hygiene products.

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Small Group Offerings this Fall

Bad Girls of the Bible

7:00 pm Wednesdays

Six-week Study Begins September 16

Journey's Inn

Led by Christal Akers

Ten of the Bible's best-known femmes fatales parade across the pages of this popular and unforgettable study with situations that sound oh-so-familiar.

Women everywhere marvel at those "good girls" in Scripture—Sarah, Mary, Esther—but on most days, that's not who they see when they look in the mirror. Most women (if they're honest) see the selfishness of Sapphira or the deception of Delilah. They catch glimpses of Jezebel's take-charge pride or Eve's disastrous disobedience. Like Bathsheba, Herodias, and the rest, today's modern woman is surrounded by temptations, exhausted by the demands of daily living, and burdened by her own desires.

So what's a good girl to do? Learn from their lives, says beloved Bible study teacher and speaker Liz Curtis Higgs, and choose a better path. Whether they were "Bad to the Bone," "Bad for a Season, but Not Forever" or only "Bad for a Moment," these infamous sisters show women how *not* to handle the challenges of life.

To sign up to attend this class, follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845a9aa29a2fa7-badgirls> or call the church office.

FAITH Re-examined

7:00 pm Tuesdays

Seven week study begins September 15

Journey's Inn

Led by David Roderick

This study will take a fresh look at several areas of faith and challenge us to question what we believe. An example is "Who is God?" Is God what we see portrayed in the media, by evangelicals in the political arena, who we were taught as a child or by preachers on television? Or is God someone that we continue to discover and understand throughout our whole lives? That's just one of the great questions and conversations we will have as we use the Bible as our basis of discovery.

This study will be informative, challenging and hopefully a whole lot of fun. This is an appropriate study no matter your biblical background and knowledge level. Each session will include a video featuring a current spiritual leader who will open up the questions for us to talk about.

To sign up to attend this class, follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845a9aa29a2fa7-faith> or call the church office.

The small groups are limited to nine participants, who are asked to wear face masks. Social distancing will be observed.

The Gospel of Luke

Time To Be Determined by Participants

Six week study Online Only on Zoom

Begins Sunday, September 20

Led by Pastor Sarah Dierker

As we are in the middle of a global health crisis, healing in body, mind, and spirit is something we all could use a little bit more of. Come join me for a six-week Bible study as we spend some time in the Gospel of Luke with the healing stories of Jesus. This study will be hosted on Sundays over Zoom for those of us who want to engage in a study, but who also still desire to remain socially distanced. The group will collectively decide what time we will meet.

If you participated in the Careful Care series back in March, I would like to visit with you about your experience. Please email me at sdierker11@gmail.com if you have questions about the Bible study or want to chat about the Careful Care series.

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