# Immanuel United Methodist Church

Edwardsville, Illinois

March 13, 2022

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Call to Worship** Christal Akers-Helle

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
**C: Whom shall I fear?**

L: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
**C: of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: I believe I shall see the goodness of the LORD
**C: in the land of the living.**

L: Wait for the LORD;
**C: Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

**Opening Prayer** Christal Akers-Helle

**Song—***Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Liz Ahrens, Charlie Brockus
*(Lyrics to songs on page 2)*

**Welcome** Christal Akers-Helle

**Affirmation of Faith** Christal Akers-Helle

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.
We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor David Roderick

**Song—***God Loves You* Liz Ahrens, Charlie Brockus

**Scripture Reading—**Matthew 13:45-46 NRSV Pastor David Roderick

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**Sermon Series:** The Rest of the Story
**Today's Message:** "The Pearl of Great Price" Pastor David Roderick

**Song—***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Liz Ahrens, Charlie Brockus

**Offertory Prayer of Thanks** Pastor David Roderick

**Benediction** Pastor David Roderick

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**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**
Thomas O. Chisholm | William M. Runyon

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
*Refrain:*
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
*Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.
*Refrain*

**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.

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

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

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.

And peace will follow.
Peace be with you always,
As you go.
For now you know that
Through the darkness, there's a light
Remember God loves you.

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.

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

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**
John Wyeth Robert Robinson

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come.
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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**Prayer/Praise Ministry** (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another four weeks)

\+ Ron Schaake, who will undergo a heart procedure this Wednesday, March 16
Emily & family, friends of Sheila Page, cancer treatments

++ Charlotte Newman, 2-year old daughter of Josh and Savanah, continued medical testing
Linda Potter and her extended family as they are grieving
Mariia Kleschcova who was a member of our youth group when she was here as a high school exchange student, and is now living in the Ukraine

+++ Grant & Mikhaela Romoser-Claunch, friends of the Grammer family, whose 4 month old, Simon, was diagnosed with leukemia
Sid Helle has joint inflammation while undergoing cancer treatments

++++ Donna, mother of Peggy Worthey's step-granddaughter recovering from brain surgery
Roy Zimmerman, brother of Sharon Prott, bone cancer
Neighbor of the Koenigs on his journey with prostrate cancer

**Preparation for Worship—**No matter what brings you here or what you're facing, take heart: "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27:1).

**Welcome!** Brothers and sisters, welcome to worship as we are wrapped in the embrace of our loving Creator!

**Pi(e) Day!** Tomorrow is Pi(e) Day! If you ordered a pie, you can pick it up Immanuel between 4—6:00 pm tomorrow. No price is set for the pies again this year but the UMW cheerfully accept donations to be used for their mission to serve women and children.

**Lenten Bible Study - *Short Stories by Jesus***

Wednesdays at 6:30
March 16 - April 13
Rainbow House

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for a 5 week Bible study based on the parables of Jesus. Each week's study will take a more in-depth look at the parable from the previous Sunday's message. Each week will include a video introduction followed by a conversation about the meaning and personal application of that story. For more information or to sign up, please contact the church office.

**Sistahs**-We will meet on Thursday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. for food. We will have fellowship and bead prayer chains at 6:30. Hoping that the weather cooperates and I get to see you there.—Lisa

**Intergenerational Sunday School—**As the world begins to open up more, we are going to return to Sunday morning classes. Our first step is an intergeneration Sunday School class lead by Sarah Dierker and Sheila Page. This is a class for all ages and will begin at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. Over the last two years, we have experienced drastic changes and upheaval in every single aspect of our daily lives. The sickness, fears, and doubts of the last year may have left us in need of healing in body, mind, and spirit as we contemplate what's next for us. As we read stories of Jesus healing people in the Gospel of Luke we will explore what these ancient stories mean for us today in 2022 and how we can be the healing hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world. Dates: Sunday, March 27, Sunday, April 10, Sunday, May 1, and Sunday, May 15. Please join us.

**UMCOR Sunday—March 27—**Your donation on this Special Sunday of the United Methodist Church supports administrative costs of the United Methodist's Committee on Relief. This enables 100% of your donations go towards the project that you specify during a time of crisis.

**Immanuel's Welcoming Inclusion Statement—**As we recognize the value in each other, we recognize God. We embrace God's good gift of diversity and believe all persons are of sacred worth. Therefore, we welcome people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, social-economic background, family structure, and physical or mental ability into the full participation of this congregation. We are called by God to raise the level of hope for those who have been marginalized and singled out for exclusion, including our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Our passion for a wide welcome of all God's children moves us to participate in reconciling and justice ministries so that we might truly be open minds, open hearts, and open doors.

**The Week at a Glance**

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| Sunday, March 13 | 10:00 am | In-Person Worship with Holy Communion & Livestream |
| Monday, March 14 | 4:00 pm | Pie Pick-up until 6 pm |
| | 6:30 pm | Church Council at Rainbow House |
| | 7:15 pm | AA in Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday, March 16 | 12:00 pm | Bridge Club in Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:30 pm | Lenten Bible Study at Rainbow House |
| Thursday, March 17 | 6:00 pm | OWL at Rainbow House |
| | 6:00 pm | Sistahs |
| Sunday, March 20<br>*First Day of Spring* | 10:00 am | In-Person & Livestream Worship |

**Today's Worship Assistants:**
Worship Leader: Christal Akers-Helle
Greeters: Noah Lewis, Jill Winte
Soundboard: Matt Lewis
Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:**
Worship Leader: Betty Gengler
Greeters: Tom & Penny May
Soundboard: Priscilla Hammon
Worship Screens: Phoebe Hammon

**Celebrating Birthdays this Week**
3/13 Sheila Beegle, Kurtis Roniger
3/14 Bill Kreutzberg
3/15 Gary Koenig, Brittney Morales, Brandy Page
3/17 Ashlei Anderson, Haydon Grammar, Dave Poteet
3/18 Joshua Newman
3/19 Cheyanna Zirges

**2022 Monthly Income & Expense**

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| **Current Expense (Operating)** | |
| Budgeted Expense—March | $16,608.59 |
| Contributions to Date | $ 3,220.16 |
| Online Contributions | $ 515.00 |
| **Benevolence (Missions/Disaster Relief)** | |
| Due by 12/31/2022 | $ 8,712.00 |
| Received year to date | $ 600.00 |

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