



## *Immanuel United Methodist Church*

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Sunday, September 1, 2024

### **Order of Worship**

#### **Ringing of the Bell**

#### **Welcome**

Lisa Allen

#### **Prelude**

Jennifer Moore

#### **Call to Worship**

Lisa Allen

L: Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

**P: Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.**

L: We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

**P: Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.**

L: Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

**P: Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives. AMEN**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Lisa Allen

#### **Song**—*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Worship Team

#### **Psalm** (*from Psalm 63*)

Lisa Allen

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;

**I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.**

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

**Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.**

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

**I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

**Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Gary Dollar

**Song—***Here I am to Worship*

Worship Team

**Scripture —***James 1:17-27 NRSVUE*

Lisa Allen

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, <sup>20</sup> for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Message—***Coping With God's Generosity*

Pastor Gary Dollar

**Song—***Marvelous Light*

Worship Team

**Prayer of Thanks**

Lisa Allen

**Benediction**

Lisa Allen

**Worship Team:** Sophie Antonini, Caleb Kelahan, Jennifer Moore**Guest Pastor:** Gary Dollar

Gary Dollar spent most of his career working in nonprofits and various churches. For 11 years, he has been a partner in EMD Consulting Group working with nonprofits to build organizational capacity. Gary also teaches the Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising for IU's Lake Institute.

### **Friday Food & Fellowship**

You are invited to Immanuel's next luncheon on Friday, September 6 in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will consist of pulled pork, sloppy joes, slaw, chips along with our usual delicious desserts. Lunch will begin at 11:00am and will be served until 1:30pm. The meal is open to everyone in the community. There is no set price—you may donate as you are able. Come and bring a friend.

### **United Women in Faith Central District Fall Meeting**

The United Women in Faith will hold their Central District Fall meeting at Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, Illinois on Saturday, September 21st. The staff will be sharing stories of life at Cunningham. Cunningham is one of the ministries supported by the United Women in Faith.

The meeting will begin at 9:30am with fellowship followed by a program from 10am—12pm. All members are welcome. Contact Penny May at 618-402-8332 if you are interested in attending.

We will be collecting items from the wish list for the children served at Cunningham. They are in need of men's body wash, pump hand soap, men's white t-shirts and men's ankle socks, either black or white. There is a basket in the hospitality room for donations. Thank you in advance for supporting this important program.

### **United Women in Faith**

United Women in Faith meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next meeting will take place at noon on September 12 in Journey's Inn.

### **Operation Christmas Child 2024**

Totes remain in the hospitality room for those who would like to drop off new small items to be used to fill shoe boxes for the 2024 Christmas season. Small toys, crafts, card games, etc., are always welcome. Thank you for the donations to date!

### **Sunday Worship Assistants**

If you have an interest in the technical side of our Sunday services, now is the time to explore if there are any possibilities that may be a fit for us. Please speak to Pastor David and Bob Ahrens, or reach out to the church office at 618-656-6883.

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**Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** 9/2—Diane Jones; 9/3—Libby Metcalf; 9/4—Janet Fisher; 9/7—Penny May, Judy Schoettle

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** 9/3—Glen and Cindy Taylor

**Our Online Calendar** can be accessed at any time by following this link:

<https://73818207.view-events.com>.

### **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.

## Calendar for the Week

Monday, September 2	<b>All Day</b> 7:15 pm	<b>Labor Day—Office Closed</b> AA in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 4	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bridge Club—Journeys Inn Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, September 5	9:00 am 6 :00 pm 7:00 pm	Sit and Stand Yoga Beginner/Intermediate Yoga PFLAG Meeting—Journey's Inn
Friday, September 6	11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Friday Food and Fellowship Bridge Club—Journey's Inn Menopause Course—Classroom #6
Saturday, September 7	8:00 am	Rise & Shine Yoga
Sunday, September 8	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship Team Rehearsal In-Person & Livestream Worship

### This Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Lisa Allen  
Greeter: Emily Spitze  
Soundboard: Christal Akers-Helle  
Worship Screens: Helen Housewright

### Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Andrew Taylor  
Greeters: Gary & Sharon Koenig  
Soundboard: Bob Ahrens  
Worship Screens: Sheila Page



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## Prayer/Praise Ministry

Please pray for:

- Joe Duckworth, brother of Larry Duckworth, who was hospitalized.
- Bob Koenig, brother of Gary Koenig, hospital care for health issues.
- Amber Larson, prayer & comfort for speedy healing for a broken arm, due to fall.
- Brad Scarbrough, friend of Koenig, Kane and Franke families, for health issues and upcoming surgery.
- Joe Page, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Hannah Page, medical test to determine a diagnosis and treatment plan for liver problems.

*If you have someone or something you would like to have us pray for, please use the tear off sheet on the bulletin and drop in an offering box, or contact the church office at 618-656-4648.*

## **Song #1— All Creatures of Our God and King**

### **Verse 1**

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam  
O sister moon with silver gleam!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Verse 2**

O brother wind, air, clouds and rain  
By which all creatures ye sustain  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Verse 3**

O sister water, flowing clear  
Make music for thy Lord to hear  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother fire who lights the night  
Providing warmth, enhancing sight!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Verse 4**

Dear mother Earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow  
Let them God's glory also show!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Verse 5**

All ye who are of tender heart  
Forgiving others, take your part  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear  
Praise God and on him case your care!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Song #2— Here I Am To Worship**

### **Verse 1**

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes  
Let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

### **Chorus 1**

Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that  
You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

### **Verse 2**

King of all days  
Oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

### **Chorus 2**

Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that  
You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

### **Bridge**

I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

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## **Song #2 — Here I Am To Worship Cont'd**

### **Chorus 3**

Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that  
You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

### **Chorus 4**

Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that  
You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

### **Ending**

Here I am to worship  
Here I am to worship

## **Song #3 — Marvelous Light**

### **Chorus**

Into marvelous light I'm running  
Out of darkness, out of shame  
By the cross You are the truth  
You are the life, You are the way

### **Verse 1**

I once was fatherless  
A stranger with no hope  
Your kindness wakened me  
Awakened me, from my sleep  
Your love it beckons deeply  
A call to come and die  
By grace now I will come  
And take this life, take Your life

### **Pre-Chorus**

Sin has lost its power  
Death has lost its sting  
From the grave You've risen  
Victoriously!

### **Chorus 2**

Into marvelous light I'm running  
Out of darkness, out of shame  
By the cross You are the truth  
You are the life, You are the way

### **Verse 2**

My dead heart now is beating  
My deepest stain's now clean  
Your breath fills up my lungs  
Now I'm free, now I'm free!

### **Pre-Chorus 2**

Sin has lost its power  
Death has lost its sting  
From the grave You've risen  
Victoriously!

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## **Song #3 — Marvelous Light Cont'd**

### **Chorus 3**

Into marvelous light I'm running  
Out of darkness, out of shame  
By the cross You are the truth  
You are the life, You are the way

### **Chorus 4**

Into marvelous light I'm running  
Out of darkness, out of shame  
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