



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Sarah Woods

Prelude: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Jennifer Moore

Call to Worship

Sarah Woods

L: Jesus calls us to open our hearts to all in need.

P: We come this day to hear his words of encouragement for us.

L: Look around you. Smile at each other, for we all have need of friendship and welcome.

P: With God's great love in our hearts, we find our welcome in this place of worship. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Sarah Woods

Song—*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart UMH #160*

Worship Team

Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Sarah Woods

"When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Prayer Jordan Dollar

Song—*Thank God I Do* Worship Team

Message—*Thankfulness and Remembering* Jordan Dollar

Song—*This is Amazing Grace* Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks Jordan Dollar

Benediction Jordan Dollar

Worship Team: Caleb Kelahan, Jennifer Moore

Jordan Dollar (he/they) served as a chaplain and congregational pastor for many years before beginning his current career as a training coordinator at Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center of St. Clair County in East St. Louis. They continue to serve as a spiritual director and life coach on the side while enjoying the chance to support their many friends in ministry. A native of Edwardsville, Jordan currently lives in Glen Carbon with his spouse and two children who are 13 and 10, respectively.

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Welcome to Thanksgiving week worship as together we give God praise for his countless blessings — not least his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Preparation for Worship: May my prayers to you, O God, begin from a place of thanksgiving, recognizing your countless gifts.

Thanksgiving Humor

Why did the turkey decline dessert?
Because it was stuffed.

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?
Your nose.

Why didn't the chef season the turkey?
There wasn't enough thyme.

Why did the turkey leave the band?
People were fighting over the drumsticks.

Advent Studies

This year we will “prepare the way of the Lord,” by studying the ministry of John the Baptist. He literally had the job of preparing the way. We will move through his life and ministry during the four Sundays of Advent. There will also be a weekly bible study where we will take a deeper dive into his ministry and his relationship with Jesus. We will use Adam Hamilton’s new resource, *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*. More information was provided in our Weekly Update email.

Prepare the Way for the Lord:

Advent and the Message of John the Baptist

Monday’s 6:30-7:45 December 2nd—December 23 at Rainbow House

Global Migration, Immigration, and Beloved Community

Led by Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai

Online (or viewed together at church)

Tuesday’s - 7 PM December 3rd—December 17th

United Methodist Student Day is celebrated today. One hundred percent of every dollar you donate today funds over 70 scholarship programs available for United Methodist students. Donate today and help more students answer God’s call to higher education.

Help us “Spruce” up the Church for the Holidays—Following our service today we will need volunteers to help bring up the Christmas decorations. In addition, we will need volunteers to stay to help decorate as the tree will need to be completed for Advent which starts next Sunday, December 1. All are welcome to participate!

Friday Food and Fellowship—Due to a scheduling conflicts and the Christmas holiday, there will be no Friday Food Lunch’s held in December. We will resume in January with lunches being held on January 10th and January 24th. Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Angel Tree Ministry—We have an opportunity to serve the children in our community through Angel Tree Ministries this year. We ask that you prayerfully consider providing a gift for children on behalf of a parent who is currently incarcerated this holiday season. Gift tags are available on the small tree in the overflow room. If you select a tag, please gift wrap items and return them to church along with the tag by December 10 for delivery. Call Rhonda Grammer with any questions, 618-444-4871.

Sistahs and United Women in Faith will be hosting a joint Christmas party on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 pm. We will start the evening with appetizers and desserts—please bring your favorite to share. We will have a gift exchange—\$5 suggested cost—be creative. We plan to play Christmas JINGO, have an offering to support gifts for local children, and share some stories and songs. Everyone is welcome to join us for a joyful gathering.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 11/26—Cary Tucker; 11/28—JJ Prott; 11/30—Aryhona Radford

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

Sunday, November 24 United Methodist Student Day	10:00 am 11:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Holiday Decorating in Sanctuary
Monday, November 25	7:15 pm	AA in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 27	12:00 pm	Bridge Club—Journeys Inn
Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day		Have a blessed Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed
Friday, November 29		Church Office Closed 6:00 pm Restorative Yoga 6:00 pm Bridge Club in Journey's Inn Room
Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

This Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Sarah Woods
Greeter: Jill Winte
Soundboard: Matt Lewis
Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Lisa Allen
Greeter: Emily Spitze
Soundboard: Christal Akers-Helle
Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis



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Prayer/Praise Ministry

Please pray for:

- Gary Ramey, Stepfather of Emily Spitze, fighting cancer that has spread. He will start a new treatment on December 22.
- Taylor Burch, friend of Shannah Wagner and Wagner family, for pregnancy complications.
- Prayer of thanks: Jeremy Weh, Father of Hannah Page, rang the bell for being cancer free!
- Chelsea Skinner 29, family cousin of Koenig's, as she begins new cancer treatment.

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 by EOD on Wednesdays if possible.

Song #1 – Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Verse 1

Rejoice, ye pure in heart
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing
Your glorious banner wave on high
The cross of Christ your King

Refrain

Rejoice, Rejoice
Rejoice give thanks and sing

Verse 2

Your clear hosannas raise
And alleluias loud
Whilst answering echoes upward float
Like wreaths of incense cloud

Refrain

Rejoice, Rejoice
Rejoice give thanks and sing

Verse 3

Yes, on through life's long path
Still chanting as ye go
From youth to age, by night and day
In gladness and in woe

Refrain

Rejoice, Rejoice
Rejoice give thanks and sing

Verse 4

At last the march shall end
The wearied ones shall rest
The pilgrims find their heavenly home
Jerusalem the blest

Refrain

Rejoice, Rejoice
Rejoice give thanks and sing

Verse 5

Praise God who reigns on high
The Lord whom we adore
The Father, Son and Holy Ghost
One God forevermore

Refrain

Rejoice, Rejoice
Rejoice give thanks and sing

Song #2 – Thank God I Do

Verse 1

I've seen love come and
I've seen love walk away
So many questions
Will anybody stay
It's been a hard year
So many nights in tears
All of the darkness
Trying to fight my fears
Alone so long alone

Chorus 1

I don't know who I'd be
If I didn't know you
I'd probably fall off the edge
I don't know where I'd go
If you ever let go
So keep me held in your hands

Verse 2

I've started breathing
The weight is lifted here
With you it's easy
My head is finally clear
There's nothing missing
When you are by my side
I took the long road
But now I realize
I'm home with you I'm home

Song #2 – Thank God I Do—Cont'd

Chorus 2

I don't know who I'd be
If I didn't know you
I'd probably fall off the edge
I don't know where I'd go
If you ever let go
So keep me held in your hands

Chorus 3

I don't know who I'd be
If I didn't know you
I'd probably fall off the edge
I don't know where I'd go
If you ever let go
So keep me held in your hands

Bridge

You're my safe place my hide away
You're my anchor my saving grace
You're my constant my steadiness
You're my shelter my oxygen

Chorus 4

I don't know who I'd be
If I didn't know you
Thank God I do

Chorus 5

I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know you
I'd probably fall off the edge
I don't know where I'd go
If you ever let go
So keep me held in your hands

Ending

I don't know who I'd be
If I didn't know you
Thank God I do

Song #3—This is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

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
The King above all kings

Verse 2

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

Chorus

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

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

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

Song #3 – This is Amazing Grace—Cont'd

Bridge

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

Ending Chorus

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

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