



## *Immanuel United Methodist Church*

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Sunday, December 1, 2024

### **Order of Worship**

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

#### **Welcome**

Betty Gengler

#### **Prelude—**

Rhonda Grammer

#### **Opening Prayer**

Lisa Allen

#### **Advent Candle Lighting**

Lisa Allen

#### **Song—***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH #211 (v. 1,2,4)*

Worship Team

#### **Song—***Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus UMH #196*

Worship Team

#### **Prayer**

Betty Gengler

#### **Song—***What a Beautiful Name*

Worship Team

#### **Scripture** Luke 1:5-13

Lisa Allen

<sup>5</sup>In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup>Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. <sup>7</sup>But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. <sup>8</sup>Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, <sup>9</sup>he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. <sup>10</sup>Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. <sup>11</sup>Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.

#### **Message:** *God Has Heard Your Prayers*

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Song—***Come As You Are*

Worship Team

## Communion

Pastor David Roderick

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. The Mighty One has sent his deliverance for all people; even the generations yet unborn. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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**\*\*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, grant us your peace.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*\*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**\*\*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**\*\*Amen. Alleluia**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen**

**Prayer of Thanks**

Betty Gengler

**Song**—*Blest Be the Tie UMH#557 (v. 1,2)*

Worship Team

**Benediction**

Betty Gengler

**Worship Team:** Sophie Antonini, Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

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**Church Electrical Work** will take place on December 9, 10 and 11th, weather permitting. The church will be without power for those 3 days. Church staff will be working remotely. The Church Council Meeting that is scheduled for December 11th, will be held at Rainbow House.

**Thank You!** —We would like to thank those who contributed to the Operation Christmas Child boxes and attended the United Women in Faith's Soup and Sandwich Fundraising lunch. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Additionally, The Board of Trustees sends a BIG THANK YOU to all those busy helping hands that put up the decorations in the sanctuary and office area. This makes our church look beautiful as we await the birth of our Savior.

**Advent Studies**—A reminder that will be holding a weekly bible study to coincide with our Sunday services in December. Dates and times are as follows:

**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*

Tuesday's - 7 PM December 3rd—December 17th. Online (or at church)

**PFLAG December Meeting Date Change**—The December PFLAG meeting was moved to December 12th. It will be held at 7:00pm in Journey's Inn.

**Angel Tree Ministry**—We have an opportunity to serve the children in our community through Angel Tree Ministries this year. If you selected a tag from the tree in the overflow room on behalf of a parent who is currently incarcerated this holiday season, please gift wrap items and return them to church along with the tag by December 10 for delivery. Phone 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!

**Friday Food and Fellowship**—Due to 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.

**Christmas Eve Worship**—We will celebrate Christmas Eve on Tuesday, December 24 with a worship service at 5:00 pm. This service will include candlelight and communion. All are welcome!

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**Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** 12/02—Tori Roderick; 12/02—Marc Franke; 12/06—Mark Emshousen

**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, December 2	10:30 am	Head Start Learn & Play—Fellowship Hall until 11:30
	6:30 pm	Advent Study—Rainbow House until 7:45
	7:15 pm	AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, December 3	6:00 pm	OWL Class until 8:00pm
	7:00 pm	Video Conference Advent Study
Wednesday, December 4	6:00 pm	United Women in Faith/Sistah's Joint Christmas Party
	7:00 pm	Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, December 5	All Day	Rainbow House Not Available—Carpet Cleaning
	9:00 am	Sit and Stand Yoga—Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	Beginner/Intermediate Yoga—Fellowship Hall
Friday, December 6	All Day	Rainbow House Not Available
Sunday, December 8	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>		

### This Week's Worship Assistants:

Speaker: Betty Gengler

Liturgist: Lisa Allen

Greeter: Emily Spitze

Soundboard: Christal Akers-Helle

Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis

### Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Andrew Taylor

Greeter: Gary & Sharon Koenig

Soundboard: Keith Housewright

Worship Screens: Helen Housewright



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## Prayer/Praise Ministry

Please pray for:

- Anita Seehausen, who will be having knee replacement surgery on December 5th
- Penny May, who will be having hip replacement surgery on December 12th.
- 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 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - UMH  
#211 (v. 1,2,4)**

Verse 1

O come, O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus 1

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 2

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
And order all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go.

Chorus 1

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 4

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,  
An ensign of Thy people be;  
Before Thee rulers silent fall;  
All peoples on Thy mercy call.

Chorus 4

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!  
Rejoice give thanks and sing

**Song #2 – Come, Thou long expected Jesus -  
UMH #196**

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a Child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### **Song #3 – What a Beautiful Name**

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ  
What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever, God You reign  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

### **Song #3—What a Beautiful Name Cont'd**

What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

### **Song #4—Come As You Are**

#### Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorry that Heaven can't heal

#### Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

#### Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary  
Rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

#### Chorus 2

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

## **Song #4—Come As You Are Cont'd**

Bridge/Verse 3  
Come as you are  
Fall in His arms  
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus 3  
(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

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## **Song #5 – Blest Be the Tie – UMH# 557 (v. 1,2)**

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above

Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one  
Our comforts and our cares

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