



## *Immanuel United Methodist Church*

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Sunday, February 2, 2025

### **Order of Worship**

#### **Ringling of the Bell**

#### **Welcome**

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Song**—*His Name is Wonderful UMH #174*

Worship Team

#### **Opening Prayer**

Jules Donnelly

#### **Call to Worship** (*From Psalm 62*)

Jules Donnelly

L: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

**P: But who am I, that God should call me?**

L: You are a beloved child of God.

**P: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.**

L: God is with you; don't be afraid.

**P: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. AMEN**

#### **Song**—*Cornerstone*

Worship Team

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Song**—*Blessings*

Worship Team

#### **Scripture** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6 NRSVUE

Jules Donnelly

<sup>1</sup> all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

<sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

**Scripture** Nehemiah 8:8-10 <sup>NRSVUE</sup>

Jules Donnelly

<sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

**Message:** *Strength Comes From Joy*

Pastor David Roderick

**Song**—*Carried to the Table*

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**

Pastor David Roderick

**Song**—*Blest Be the Tie UMH #557 (v. 1,4)*

Worship Team

**Benediction**

Pastor David Roderick

**Worship Team:** Caleb Kelahan, Jennifer Moore

## **Lenten Bible Study - The Gospel of John**

Sundays 6:00-7:15 pm — March 9-April 13

Easter is just around the corner, and we are preparing for our journey to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The journey begins with Ash Wednesday and continues through the 6 Sundays of Lent. This year we will take that journey on Sunday mornings through stories found in the Gospel of John. We will also take a deeper dive into those stories on Sunday evenings during our Lenten Bible Study. Our classes will be taken from the new book by Amy Jill Levine, *The Gospel of John: A Beginners Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life*. Classes will meet at 6 pm on Sundays beginning March 9. I hope that you will plan to take this journey with us.

## **Passing of Karen Trone**

Mark Trone, son of Karen Trone, notified us that Karen passed away on Saturday, January 25th. Many of you knew Karen as she has been a member of Immanuel since 1964. More information was provided in the Weekly Update email.

## **Kelly Wagner Out of Office—February 3-7**

Kelly will not be in the Church office February 3-7, as she will be recovering from surgery. If anything of importance needs to be addressed while she is out, please contact Pastor David at droderick@charter.net.

## **The Prophets of Old**

We continue to look at what a prophet is and what the Old Testament prophets had to say, and what they meant at the time they said it. Below are the scriptures we have covered to date and will be talking about on upcoming Sunday mornings. You are encouraged you to read them in advance. Also, take time to read the scriptures in their larger context for better understanding.

January	February
12 - Isaiah 60:1-6	2 - Nehemiah 8:1-10
19 - Isaiah 43:1-7	9 - Jeremiah 1:4-10
26 - Isaiah 62:1-5	16 - Isaiah 6:1-13
	23 - Jeremiah 17:5-10

## **Friday Food and Fellowship**

Lunch's will take place Friday, February 7th and February 21 at 11:00am and will be served until 1:30pm. There is no cost. You may donate as you are able. We hope you will bring a friend and stay for fellowship.

## **United Women in Faith**

United Women in Faith's next meeting will take place at noon, Thursday, February 13th in Journey's Inn. We look forward to seeing you!

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**Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** 2/2—Judy Moody, 2/4—Jordan Grammer; Phyllis Tucker, 2/5—Linda Potter, 2/7—Linda Duckworth

**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, February 3	10:30am Head Start Learn and Play in Fellowship Hall 7:30pm AA
Tuesday, February 4	6:00pm OWL Class until 8:00 pm
Wednesday, February 5	7:00pm Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, February 6	9:00am Sit and Stand Yoga 6:00pm Beginner/Intermediate Yoga 7:00pm PFLAG Meeting in Journey's Inn
Friday, February 7	No Events Scheduled
Saturday, February 8	8:30am CPR Class until 2:30pm in Journey's Inn 9:00 am Rise and Shine Yoga
Sunday, February 9	10:00 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

### **This Week's Worship Assistants:**

#### **Today's Worship Assistants:**

Liturgist: Jules Donnelly  
Greeter: Emily Spitze  
Soundboard: Bob Ahrens  
Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis

#### **Next Week's Worship Assistants:**

Liturgist: Andrew Taylor  
Greeter: Gary & Sharon Koenig  
Soundboard: Bob Ahrens  
Worship Screens: Tami Masinelli



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## Prayer/Praise Ministry

Please pray for:

- Kelly Wagner, comfort and healing for surgery she is having on Monday, February 3rd.
- Brenda Johnson and Family, niece of David and Marion Norris, as she battles Glioblastoma cancer discovered last March and latest MRI shows growth starting back up.
- Nephew of Koenig family, having test for heart issues; possible surgery.
- Young Koenig family friend diagnosed with Stage 3 Colon cancer, facing surgery and treatment.
- Gary Ramey, Stepfather of Emily Spitze, fighting cancer that has spread. He began a new treatment in December.

*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 via email: [Kelly@immanuelonmain.org](mailto:Kelly@immanuelonmain.org).*

## **Song #1 - His Name is Wonderful UMH #174**

### **(Sing 2x's)**

His Name Is Wonderful  
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Jesus, My Lord

He Is The Mighty King  
Master Of Everything  
His Name Is Wonderful  
Jesus, My Lord

He's The Great Shepherd  
The Rock Of All Ages  
Almighty God Is He

Bow Down Before Him  
Love And Adore Him  
His Name Is Wonderful  
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Bow Down Before Him  
Love And Adore Him  
His Name Is Wonderful  
Jesus, My Lord

## **Song #2 - Cornerstone**

### Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

### Repeat Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

### Chorus

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

### Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

### Chorus 2

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

### Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

### Chorus 3

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

### **Song #3 - Blessings (Laura Story)**

#### Verse 1

We pray for blessings, We pray for peace  
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep  
We pray for healing, for prosperity  
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering  
And all the while, You hear each spoken need  
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

#### Chorus 1

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops  
What if Your healing comes through tears  
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to  
know You're near  
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

#### Verse 2

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear  
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near  
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love  
As if every promise from Your Word is not enough  
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea  
And long that we'd have faith to believe

#### Chorus 2

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops  
What if Your healing comes through tears  
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to  
know You're near  
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

#### Bridge

When friends betray us, When darkness seems to win  
We know that pain reminds this heart  
That this is not, this is not our home

#### Partial Chorus

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops  
What if Your healing comes through tears  
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to  
know You're near  
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

### **Blessings Cont'd**

#### Chorus 3/End

What if my greatest disappointments  
Or the aching of this life  
Is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy  
What if trials of this life  
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights  
Are Your mercies in disguise

### **Song #4 – Carried to the Table**

#### Verse 1

Wounded and forsaken  
I was shattered by the fall  
Broken and forgotten  
Feeling lost and all alone  
Summoned by the King  
Into the Master's courts  
Lifted by the Saviour  
And cradled in His arms

#### Verse 2

I was carried to the table  
Seated where I don't belong  
Carried to the table  
Swept away by His love  
And I don't see  
My brokenness anymore  
When I'm seated  
At the table of the Lord  
I'm carried to the table  
The table of the Lord

#### Verse 3

Fighting thoughts of fear  
Wondering why He called my name  
Am I good enough to share this cup  
The world has left me lame  
Even in my weakness  
The Saviour called my name  
In His Holy presence  
I'm healed and unashamed

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**Song #4 – Carried to the Table Cont'd**

Verse 4

As I'm carried to the table  
Seated where I don't belong  
Carried to the table  
Swept away by His love  
And I don't see  
My brokenness anymore  
When I'm seated  
At the table of the Lord

Verse 5

I'm carried to the table  
Seated where I don't belong  
Carried to the table  
Swept away by His love  
And I don't see  
My brokenness anymore  
When I'm seated  
At the table of the Lord  
I'm carried to the table  
The table of the Lord

**Song #5 – Blest Be the Tie UMH #557 (v1,4)**

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

When we are sunder part  
It gives us inward pain  
But we shall still be joined  
In heart, and hope to meet again

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