

Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025 Sunday, February 23, 2025

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome David Norris

Prelude— Jennifer Moore

Call to Worship (from Psalm 25)

David Norris

L: We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful

P: Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

L: We wait for you.

P: Lead us in your paths of truth.

L: Do not remember our failures.

P: Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.

L: You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.

P: We lift up our souls to you, and praise you always

Opening Prayer David Norris

Song—*My Hope is Built UMH #368* Worship Team

Affirmation of Faith—Apostles Creed #882

David Norris

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer

Lay Speaker Betty Gengler

Scripture Luke 6:27-38 NRSVUE

David Norris

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; 28 bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Message: Sound of Silence Lay Speaker Betty Gengler

Song— Goodness of God Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks Pastor David Roderick

Song—Doxology UMH #95 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. A sign-up sheet is in the hospitality room.

United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, March 13 at noon. We will use this meeting to prep the pies for Pi(e) Day.

Pi(e) Day — Penny May will be taking pie orders before and after church on March 2nd and 9th. You may also phone Penny (618-655-0706) to place your order. Pies available are apple (double crust or crumb topping), chocolate cream, coconut cream, custard, pecan, strawberry and Toll House. All donations are used to support missions for women and children. Many thanks to all who support us—through us God is doing great things!

Ash Wednesday—The sanctuary will be open for ashes from 7:00am—9:00am on Wednesday, March 5th to anyone who would like to stop by.

Friday Food and Fellowship will take place on Friday, March 7. The menu will be tomato soup, kielbasa soup, grilled cheese and a variety of desserts. All are welcome!

2024 Contribution Statements are available. They can be sent electronically or by the US Postal system. Please contact the church office and let us know how you would like for it to be delivered. We greatly appreciate all of your donations!

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 2/23—Sheila Acuncius, 2/24—Marj May, 2/29—Dale Fellhauer, 3/1—Keith Kane; Kiffon Lewis

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, February 23 10:00am In-Person & Livestream Worship

11:00am Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, February 24 11:30am Head Start Learn & Play

7:30pm AA

Tuesday, February 25 6:00pm OWL Class until 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 26 No Events Scheduled

Thursday, February 27 9:00am Sit and Stand Yoga

6:00pm Beginner/Intermediate Yoga

Friday, February 28 No Events Scheduled

Saturday, March 1 8:30am CPR Class until 2:30pm in Journey's Inn

9:00am Rise and Shine Yoga

Today's Worship Assistants:

Guest Lay Speaker: Betty Gengler

Liturgist: David Norris Greeter: Jill Winte Soundboard: Matt Lewis Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Jules Donnelly Greeter: Emily Spitze Soundboard: Matt Martell Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis



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Prayer/Praise Ministry

Please pray for:

- Brenda Johnson & Family, niece of David and Marion Norris, as she is now receiving hospice care for Glioblastoma cancer.
- Mike Portell, prayers for comfort and healing. Nephew of Koenig family, heart surgery went well.
- 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.

Song #1 - My Hope is Built UMH #368

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

Song #2 - I Surrender All UMH #354 (vs. 1,2,3,4)

Verse 1

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Refrain/Chorus
I surrender all
I surrender all
All to thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

Verse 2

All to Jesus I surrender Humbly at His feet I bow Worldly pleasures all forsaken Take me Jesus, take me now

Refrain/Chorus
I surrender all
I surrender all
All to thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

Verse 3
All to Jesus I surrender
Make me, Savior, wholly thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit

Truly know that Thou art mine

Refrain/Chorus
I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

Verse 4

All to Jesus I surrender Lord, I give myself to Thee Fill me with Thy love and power Let Thy blessing fall on me

Refrain/Chorus
I surrender all
I surrender all
All to my Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all

Song #3 - Goodness of God

Verse 1

I love you, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire In darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a father Ive known You as a friend I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus 2

All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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Song #3 - Goodness of God Cont'd

Bridge Repeat
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus 3

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

Final Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
Oh I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

Song #4 – Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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