



## *Immanuel United Methodist Church*

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Sunday, March 9, 2025

### **Order of Worship**

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

#### **Welcome**

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Prelude—** *O How I Love Jesus*

Jennifer Moore

#### **Call to Worship**

Sarah Woods

L: Jesus surprised the people at the wedding.

**P: They were sure they would be disappointed.**

L: They thought that their host wasn't prepared for their needs.

**P: We aren't much different. We aren't sure God is prepared for our needs.**

L: Lord, change our whining in to praising!

**P: Change our moaning and complaining into celebrations of joy! AMEN.**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Sarah Woods

#### **Song—** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus #526*

Worship Team

#### **Song—** *O How I Love Jesus #170*

Worship Team

#### **Scripture—** *John 2:1-11<sup>NRSVUE</sup>*

Sarah Woods

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Song—** *How He Loves Us*

Worship Team

#### **Message: Save the Best for Last**

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Song—** *God of Wonders*

Worship Team

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**Communion—**

Pastor David Roderick

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

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. Hosanna in the highest.  
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.

## **Communion—Cont'd**

Pastor David Roderick

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.

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—*Doxology #95***

Worship Team

## **Benediction**

Pastor David Roderick

**Worship Team:** Sophie Antonini, 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, available for purchase on Amazon, 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 9th. I hope that you will plan to take this journey with us.

**United Women in Faith** will meet on Thursday, March 13 at noon. We will use this meeting to prep the pies for May 14th Pi(e) Day.

**Pi(e) Day—May 14—** United Women in Faith will be taking pie orders before and after church on March 9th. You may also phone Penny at 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. Pie pick-up will be from 4:00-6:00pm at church or by arrangements with Penny. 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!

**Friday Food and Fellowship** will take place on Friday, March 21st. As always, there is no charge for the meal. You can donate as you are able. We hope you will bring a friend and stay for fellowship. 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:** 3/13—Sheila Beegle; 3/14—Bill Kreutzberg; 3/15—Gary Koenig, Brandy Page

**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, March 9	10:00am In-Person & Livestream Worship 6:00pm Lenten Bible Study—Classroom #4
Monday, March 10	630pm Church Council Meeting in Journey's Inn 7:30pm AA
Tuesday, March 11	6:00pm OWL Class until 8:00 pm
Wednesday, March 12	No Events Scheduled
Thursday, March 13	9:00am Sit and Stand Yoga 12:00pm UWF Meeting—Pie Day Prep 6:00pm Beginner/Intermediate Yoga
Friday, March 14	8:30am CPR Class—Classroom #4 4:00pm Pie Day Pick-up until 6:00pm
Saturday, March 15	7:00am World Thinking Day—All Church Space Booked till 8PM

### Today's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Sarah Woods  
Greeter: Gary & Sharon Koenig  
Soundboard: Bob Ahrens  
Worship Screens: Tami Masinelli

### Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Andrew Taylor  
Greeter: Larry & Linda Duckworth  
Soundboard: Helen Housewright  
Worship Screens: Keith Housewright



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## Prayer/Praise Ministry

Please pray for:

- Larry & Linda Duckworth and family, for the passing of Larry's brother Allen.
- Those fighting addiction and their families
- Donna as she will be going through a series of treatments.
- Continued prayers for Mike Portell as he continues to recover in rehab.
- 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.

*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.*

**Song #1 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
#526 v. 1,2**

Verse 1

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry,  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear.  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

**Song #2 - O How I Love Jesus #170 v. 1,2**

Verse 1

There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.

Chorus

O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus;  
Because He first loved me.

Verse 2

It tells me of a Savior's love,  
Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood,  
The sinner's perfect plea.

Chorus

O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus;  
Because He first loved me.

**Song #3 How He Loves Us**

He is jealous for me  
Loves like a hurricane  
I am a tree bending beneath  
The weight of His wind and mercy

When all of a sudden I am unaware of  
These afflictions eclipsed by glory  
I realize just how beautiful You are  
And how great Your affections are for me

Oh how He loves us oh  
Oh how He loves us  
How He loves us all

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Oh how He loves us oh  
Oh how He loves us  
How He loves us all

(Yeah) He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves

We are His portion  
And He is our prize  
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes  
If grace is an ocean  
we're all sinking

And Heaven meets earth  
Like an unforeseen kiss  
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest  
I don't have time to maintain these regrets  
When I think about the way ...

### **Song #3 How He Loves Us Cont'd**

That He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves

(Yeah) He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves

(Yeah) He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves

### **Song #4 - God of Wonders**

Lord of all creation  
Of the water, earth and sky  
The Heavens are Your Tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and Earth  
Lord of heaven and Earth

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

### **Song #4 - God of Wonders Cont'd**

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
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Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

### **Song #5– Doxology #95**

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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