



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Order of Worship

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Prelude—*Jesus Loves Me*

Jennifer Moore

Call to Worship

David Norris

L: God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

P: From hope to despair to hope again.

L: As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,

P: Help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake.

L: As the story unfolds,

P: Open us to both the hope and the pain.

L: In this time of worship,

P: Prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.

Opening Prayer

David Norris

Song—*There's Something About That Name* #171

Worship Team

Song—*Jesus Loves Me* #191

Worship Team

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told ¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song— *Goodness of God*

Worship Team

Message: *Dare to Believe Doubt*

Pastor David Roderick

Song— *We Believe*

Worship Team

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.

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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

Welcome Hosanna to the Son of David! So sang people long ago as Jesus entered Jerusalem, and so sing we. Welcome to Palm Sunday worship.

Preparation for Worship—I imagine myself along the route you traveled into Jerusalem, dear Jesus. I lay branches along your donkey's path and praise you: "Hosanna, Son of David!"

Next Steps Luncheon If you are new to Immanuel UMC over the past few months, or if you have attended a Next Steps luncheon in the past, you are invited to our next one after church on May 18th. Pastor David Roderick will be your host and will share some of the history of the church as well as some of what the future holds. You will also have a chance to ask questions about the church, the denomination, and anything else that is on your mind. Registration is appreciated. To register, please call the church office at 618-656-4648 or email Kelly at kelly@immanuelonmain.org

Lenten Bible Study - The Gospel of John

Our Lenten Bible Study, taken from the new book by Amy Jill Levine, *The Gospel of John: A Beginners Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life*, concludes Sunday. April 13th in Classroom #4 at 6 pm.

Friday Food & Fellowship—Due to scheduling conflicts and Good Friday, there will be no lunches held in the month of April. We will resume again in May.

Good Friday Worship—We invite you to join hearts and hands with us in remembrance of He who bore his crown of thorns willingly, arose from the dead, and defeated death that we might have eternal life. Worship with us at 6:00 pm on Friday, April 18.

Easter Worship—Sunday, April 20. There will be no community sunrise service this year. Please join us at 10:00 am as we celebrate Christ's victory over death and the grave.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 4/16—Kari Prott; 4/18—Kelly Robbins; 4/19—Kristine Lancaster

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, April 13	10:00am In-Person & Livestream Worship 6:00pm Lenten Bible Study—Classroom #4
Monday, April 14	7:30pm AA
Tuesday, April 15	6:00pm OWL Class until 8:00 pm
Wednesday, April 16	7:00pm Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, April 17	9:00am Sit and Stand Yoga 6:00pm Beginner/Intermediate Yoga
Friday, April 18 Good Friday	8:30am CPR Class—Classroom #4 until 2:30pm 6:00am Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 19	9:00am Rise & Shine Yoga

Today's Worship Assistants:

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

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Sarah Woods
Greeter: Gary & Sharon Koenig
Soundboard: Jim Kelehan
Worship Screens: Haden Ellis



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Prayer/Praise Ministry

Please pray for:

- 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 via email: Kelly@immanuelonmain.org.

Song #1—There's Something About That Name

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
There's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus!
Like the fragrance after the rain
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
Let all heaven and earth proclaim:
King and kingdoms will all pass away, but
There's something about that name!

Song #2 - Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so

Song #3 – Goodness of God

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

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 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
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

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

Repeat 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

Song #3 – Goodness of God Cont'd

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
Oh I'm gonna 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 – We Believe

Verse 1

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, We believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe, We believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
We believe

Verse 2

So, let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe. We believe!

Chorus 2

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life!
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now, let love invade
Let the church live loud our God we'll say
"We believe, we believe"

And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the power of God, has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe
We believe

Chorus 3

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life!

We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again

Ending

He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe
We believe

Song #5—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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