



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Order of Worship

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Surely the Presence of the Lord* #328

Worship Team

Call to Worship

Jules Donnelly

L: If we are kind to the poor we are kind to the Lord,

P: We will be rewarded for what we have done.

L: If we spend ourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,

P: Then our light will rise in the darkness, and our night will become like the noonday.

L: There will always be poor people in our land.

P: Therefore, we are commanded to be open-handed toward the needy.

L: We are to carry each other's burdens

P: In this way, we will fulfill the law of Christ.

L: As God has loved us

P: We are to love one another

Opening Prayer

Jules Donnelly

Song—*I Love to Tell the Story* #156

Worship Team

Affirmation of Faith—*Modern Affirmation* #885

Jules Donnelly

L: Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
There is the one true church, apostolic, and universal,
Whose holy faith let us now declare:

**C: We believe in God the Father,
Infinite in wisdom, power, and love
Whose mercy is over all His works,
And whose will is ever directed to His children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Man,
The gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
The ground of our hope,
And the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
As the divine presence in our lives,
Whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
Of the truth of Christ,
And find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
In the service of love
As set forth in our example of our blessed Lord,
To the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

Scripture Reading—*Isaiah 58:3b-12* ^{NLT}

Jules Donnelly

"It's because you are fasting to please yourselves.
Even while you fast,
you keep oppressing your workers.

⁴ What good is fasting
when you keep on fighting and quarreling?
will never get you anywhere with me.

⁵ You humble yourselves
by going through the motions of penance,
bowing your heads
like reeds bending in the wind.
You dress in burlap
and cover yourselves with ashes.
Is this what you call fasting?
Do you really think this will please the LORD?

⁶ "No, this is the kind of fasting I want:
Free those who are wrongly imprisoned;
lighten the burden of those who work for you.
Let the oppressed go free,
and remove the chains that bind people.

⁷ Share your food with the hungry,
and give shelter to the homeless.
Give clothes to those who need them,
and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

⁸ "Then your salvation will come like the dawn,
and your wounds will quickly heal.
Your godliness will lead you forward,
and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind.
⁹ Then when you call, the LORD will answer.
'Yes, I am here,' he will quickly reply.

"Remove the heavy yoke of oppression.
Stop pointing your finger and spreading vicious rumors!

¹⁰ Feed the hungry,
and help those in trouble.
Then your light will shine out from the darkness,
and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually,
giving you water when you are dry
and restoring your strength.

You will be like a well-watered garden,
like an ever-flowing spring.

¹² Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities.
Then you will be known as a builder of walls
and a restorer of homes.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song— *Come As You Are*

Worship Team

Message: *Becoming Green Space*

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Reckless Love*

Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Doxology #95*

Worship Team

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick

Worship Team: Sophie Antonini, Emerson Gausmann, Caleb Kelahan, Jennifer Moore

Friday Food & Fellowship will resume on Friday, May 2nd. The menu will be BBQ Chicken, soup and a variety of desserts. The meal is open to the community and will start at 11:00am and end at 1:30pm. There is no cost but donations are accepted as able. We encourage you to bring a friend and stay for fellowship. All are welcome!

Church Potluck—The SPPRC is excited to announce that a potluck lunch is scheduled following worship on Sunday, May 4th. This is a great time to connect with the congregation to enjoy food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. A sign-up sheet is in the hospitality/overflow room. We look forward to enjoying a variety of dishes and seeing all your smiling faces!

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 lunch after church on Sunday, 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.

United Women in Faith will meet at noon on Thursday, May 8th. We hope you can join us.

PFLAG is meeting on Thursday, May 1st at 7:00pm in Journey's Inn.

Rainbow House Adult Group's next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00pm at Rainbow House.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 4/27—Laurie Frey, John Hatton; 4/28—Jill Winte; 4/29—Pat Davis; 4/30—Sheila Page; 5/3—Shelby Grammer

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 27	10:00am In-Person & Livestream Worship 11:00am Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, April 28	4:00am Head Start Parent Meetings 7:15pm AA
Tuesday, April 29	6:00pm OWL Class until 8:00 pm
Thursday, May 1	7:00pm PFLAG Meeting in Journey's Inn
Friday, May 2	11:00am Friday Food & Fellowship 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal in Sanctuary (Private)
Saturday, May 3	5:00pm Wedding in Sanctuary (Private)
Sunday, May 4	10:00am In-Person & Livestream Worship 11:00am Church Potluck

Today's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Jules Donnelly
Greeter: Larry & Linda Duckworth
Soundboard: Keith Housewright
Worship Screens: Helen Housewright

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Andrew Taylor
Greeter: Emily Spitze
Soundboard: Matt Martell
Worship Screens: Tami Masinelli



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Prayer/Praise Ministry

Please pray for:

- The Page family for the loss of their Uncle Ray Page. They are appreciative for the care he received from hospice during this journey.
- 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 – Surely the Presence of the Lord
#328 (2 x)**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty Power and His grace
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

Song #2- I Love to Tell the Story #156

Verse 1

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Verse 2

I love to tell the story;
more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee.

Refrain

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Verse 3

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.

Refrain

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Verse 4

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

Refrain/Ending

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Song #3 – 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 sorrow 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

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
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Song #4 – Reckless Love

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word
You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming, Never-ending
Reckless love of God
O it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it
I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending
Reckless love of God, yeah

Verse 2

When I was Your foe
Still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth
You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

Song #4 – Reckless Love Cont'd

Chorus 2

O the overwhelming, never-ending
Reckless love of God
O it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it
I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending
Reckless love of God, yeah

Bridge (x 4)

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

Chorus/Ending

Oh the overwhelming, never-ending
Reckless love of God
Oh it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it
I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
Oh the overwhelming, never-ending
Reckless love of God, yeah

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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