



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

November 23, 2025

Order of Worship

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*There's Something About That Name*

Worship Team

Opening Prayer

Andrew Taylor

Call to Worship

Andrew Taylor

L: When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...

P: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

L: When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path for us...

P: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

L: When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

P: P: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

L: When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

P: Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.

Song—*He Lives* #310

Worship Team

Scripture Reading—Luke 23:33-43 NRSVUE

Andrew Taylor

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Blessings*

Worship Team

Today's Message: "*Victory in Jesus*"

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Victory in Jesus*

Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Doxology #95

Worship Team

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick

Worship Team:

Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

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Help us “Spruce” up the Church for the Holidays

Following our service today, we will need volunteers to help bring up the Christmas decorations. In addition, we will need volunteers to stay to help decorate as the tree will need to be completed for Advent which starts next Sunday, November 30. All are welcome to participate!

Sistahs’/UWF Joint Christmas Party

Sistahs’ and United Women in Faith will be hosting a joint Christmas party on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm. The evening will start with appetizers and desserts—bring your favorite to share. We will have a gift exchange—\$5 suggested cost. There will be a short program from the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and we will collect needed items for them. A marked basket/tote will be in the hospitality room for your donations. Desired items include diapers, baby wipes, personal hygiene items such as soap, body wash and shampoo.

Angel Tree Ministries

We have an opportunity to serve 21 children in Madison County this year through Angel Tree Ministries this year. We ask that you prayerfully consider providing a gift for children on behalf of a parent who is currently incarcerated this holiday season. Gift tags are available on the small tree in the overflow room. If you select a tag, please fill in your tag information on the sign out sheet, gift wrap your items and return them to church along with the tag by December 14 for delivery. Phone Rhonda Grammer with any questions, 618-444-4871.

Friday Food and Fellowship

Our December dates will be December 5 and 19. As always, there is no cost but donations are appreciated and accepted as you are able. Our thanks to everyone who volunteer their time to help our community.

Immanuel Goes to a Hockey Game

Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 19th at 8:15 PM for Hockey Fights Cancer at the RP Lumber Center. Immanuel will participate in the puck drop before the game to honor those fighting cancer, survivors or loved ones lost to cancer. Those individuals will be honored on the ice during a pre-game ceremony. (One only has to look at the current Immanuel Prayer List to see how many of our congregation have been impacted by cancer.) We hope many of you, families, and friends can join us for this event. More details to come!

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 11/24—Cary Tucker; 11/25—Victor Housewright, 11/27—Mallory Smith, 11/28—JJ Prott, 11/29—Karen Arensmann

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.

Prayer/Praise Ministry

- Roberta "Bert" Piper and family, for the recent passing of Don Piper.
- Gary Ramey, stepfather of Emily Spitze, no longer receiving cancer treatment and has been placed on long term hospice.
- Brandy Page, daughter of Sheila Page, prayers for continued healing.
- Barb Mindak recently diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.
- Ann Pugh fighting brain cancer.
- Maryrose Donnelly, mother of Jules Donnelly, diagnosed with cancer.
- Carl Streubel, friend of Emily Spitze, who was diagnosed with colon cancer.

To add someone to the prayer list fill out the bulletin slip or contact the church office.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, November 23	10:00 am 11:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Church Christmas Decorating
Monday, November 24	7:15 pm	AA
Thursday, November 27		Thanksgiving Day-Church Office Closed <i>Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving!</i>
Friday, November 28		Church Office Closed
Sunday, November 30	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>

Today's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Andrew Taylor

Greeter (s): Jill Winte

Soundboard: Hayden Ellis

Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Jules Donnelly

Greeter (s): Emily Spitze

Soundboard: Tobias Weaver

Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis



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Song #1 - There's Something About That Name #171 (x 3)

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:
Kings and kingdoms will all passaway, but There's
something about that name!

Song #2 - He Lives #310

I serve a risen Savior,
He's in the world today;
I know that He is living,
Whatever foes may say.

I see His hand of mercy,
I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him,
He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair.

I know that He is leading
Through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!

The hope of all who seek Him,
The help of all who find;
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

Song #3 - Blessings

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

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

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

Song #3 - Blessings Cont'd

And all the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe

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

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
It's not our home

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 my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is a revealing of a greater thirst
This world can't satisfy

And what if trials of this life
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise

Song #4 - Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story
How a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me

I heard about His groaning
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about his healing
Of His cleansing power revealing
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see

And then I cried "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit"
And somehow Jesus came
And brought to me the victory

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

Song #4 Victory in Jesus Cont'd

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing
And the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing
Up there the song of victory

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

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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