



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

February 15, 2026

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Sarah Woods

Song—*Spirit Song #347*

Worship Team

Call to Worship

Sarah Woods

L: Children of God, Welcome!

P: Welcome to this place of love and grace.

L: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

P: God invites all of us to be part of the beloved community.

L: God invited all of us to share in the good news:

P: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved just as we are.

L: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Sarah Woods

Song—*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Worship Team

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Steve Heitkamp

Song—*You Say*

Worship Team

Scripture Reading *Psalm 37: 1-11, 23-29, 34-40 NLT*

- ¹ Don't worry about the wicked
or envy those who do wrong.
- ² For like grass, they soon fade away.
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.
- ³ Trust in the Lord and do good.
Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.
- ⁴ Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you your heart's desires.
- ⁵ Commit everything you do to the Lord.
Trust him, and he will help you.
- ⁶ He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn,
and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.
- ⁷ Be still in the presence of the Lord,
and wait patiently for him to act.
Don't worry about evil people who prosper
or fret about their wicked schemes.
- ⁸ Stop being angry!
Turn from your rage!
Do not lose your temper—
it only leads to harm.
- ⁹ For the wicked will be destroyed,
but those who trust in the Lord will possess the land.
- ¹⁰ Soon the wicked will disappear.
Though you look for them, they will be gone.
- ¹¹ The lowly will possess the land
and will live in peace and prosperity.
- ²³ The Lord directs the steps of the godly.
He delights in every detail of their lives.
- ²⁴ Though they stumble, they will never fall,
for the Lord holds them by the hand.
- ²⁵ Once I was young, and now I am old.
Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned
or their children begging for bread.
- ²⁶ The godly always give generous loans to others,
and their children are a blessing.
- ²⁷ Turn from evil and do good,
and you will live in the land forever.
- ²⁸ For the Lord loves justice,
and he will never abandon the godly.
He will keep them safe forever,
but the children of the wicked will die.
- ²⁹ The godly will possess the land
and will live there forever.
- ³⁰ The godly offer good counsel;

34 Put your hope in the Lord.
Travel steadily along his path.
He will honor you by giving you the land.
You will see the wicked destroyed.
35 I have seen wicked and ruthless people
flourishing like a tree in its native soil.
36 But when I looked again, they were gone!
Though I searched for them, I could not find them!
37 Look at those who are honest and good,
for a wonderful future awaits those who love peace.
38 But the rebellious will be destroyed;
they have no future.
39 The Lord rescues the godly;
he is their fortress in times of trouble.
40 The Lord helps them,
rescuing them from the wicked.
He saves them,
and they find shelter in him

Song—*I Choose Love*

Daniel Mortimer, Dr. Steve Heitkamp

Today's Message: *"In Troubled Times, Hope Remains"*

Dr. Steve Heitkamp

Song—*Cornerstone*

Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks

Sarah Woods

Song—*Doxology #95*

Worship Team

Benediction

Dr. Steve Heitkamp

Speaker Bio: Steve Heitkamp is ordained elder in the United Methodist Church of the Illinois Great Rivers conference. He's the executive director of Horizon Hope Counseling, Inc. in O'Fallon, Illinois. He has lived and served in this area since 1999. He's a graduate of Asbury University, Asbury Seminary and a doctoral degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He is a licensed clinical professional counselor. He and his husband Daniel live in O'Fallon Illinois. He has two grown daughters and three grandchildren. Their dog Phoebe goes to work every day with Steve in his counseling work and is part of the work he does.

Worship Team:

Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

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Welcome—Lord, as we approach this journey of Lent, remind me of your grace and renew a right spirit within me. “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ” (Psalm 51:10 NRSVUE).

Ash Wednesday

In Pastor David’s absence, Sarah Woods will be available in the sanctuary for distribution of ashes from 6:00pm—7:00pm on Wednesday, February 18, to anyone who would like to stop by.

Lend a Hand with Our Sunday Live Stream

We’re looking for volunteers to help run our weekly Sunday live stream. This is a great way to serve Immanuel and ensure that those who can't be with us in person can still worship with us. Training will be provided. If you are interested in seeing if you would be a fit for the IT team, please contact Teresa Akers-Helle, Dustin Franke or the church office, for more information.

Friday Food and Fellowship

Our next lunch will take place on Friday, February 20 from 11:00am - 1:00pm. The menu will be grilled cheese, a variety of soups to include tomato, potato and a mystery soup. A dessert and a beverage are included. As always, there is no charge for the meal, however donations are welcome and appreciated. We hope you will bring a friend and join us for fellowship. Everyone is welcome. Our thanks to the many volunteers who help to prepare and serve these meals to our community.

Honor Flight for Our Veterans

Two of our Immanuel church family members have been accepted to participate in the Greater St. Louis area Honor Flight for Veterans on April 1, 2026.

On the flight home there will be a Mail Call, where cards and letters from family and friends are provided to the veterans thanking them for their service. If you would like to thank our veterans, please refer to the Weekly Update email or contact the church office for more information.

Inclement Weather Policy

If Church or a Friday Food & Fellowship lunch is ever cancelled or postponed due to weather, or any other unexpected reason, it will be posted on our Facebook page and/or on our website immanuelonmain.org.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 2/15—Trace Spitze, 2/20—Pat Schott

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

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

- Al Werner, longtime companion of Joanie Green, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is now on hospice.
- Sue Guglielmo, for the loss of her mother, Tippi Heimos.
- Jill Winte, Kiffon Lewis and family, prayers of comfort for the loss of Jill's mother and Kiffon's grandmother, Nina Weber Bizaillion.
- Penny May and Dale Fellhauer thanks everyone for their prayers and support for their sister Pat Boudreau. She continues to heal and received a good report from doctors. Dennis Fellhauer, brother of Penny May and Dale Fellhauer, recovering from a kidney infection.
- Kimberly Buckley, daughter of Linda & Larry Duckworth, prayers for emotional support
- Prayer of healing for Shelley Duncan, cousin of Sheila Page.
- Brandy Page, daughter of Sheila Page, prayers for continued healing.
- Carl Streubel, friend of Emily Spitze, who was diagnosed with cancer.

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

Calendar for the Week

Monday, February 16 Presidents Day	All Day 7:15 pm	Holiday-Church Office Closed AA
Tuesday, February 17	10:00 am	Home School Group Set up—Lower Level until 3pm
Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday	1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Head Start Learn & Play Sanctuary Open to Receive Ashes until 7pm Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, February 19	7:00 pm	Head Start Parent Meeting
Friday, February 20	11:00 am 5:00 pm	Friday Food & Fellowship Kitchen Reserved-Girl Scouts World Thinking Day
Saturday, February 21	9:00 am	Rise & Shine Yoga
Sunday, February 22	10:00 am 11:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Board of Trustees Meeting

Today's Worship Assistants:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Steve Heitkamp

Host & Liturgist: Sarah Woods

Greeter: Larry & Linda Duckworth

Soundboard: Matt Martell

Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Guest Speaker: Jordan Dollar

Liturgist: Lisa Allen Host: David Norris

Greeter: Emily Spitze

Soundboard: Keith Housewright

Worship Screens: Helen Housewright



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Song #1 – Spirit Song #347

O let the Son of God enfold you
With his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things That hold you,
And his Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song
With Gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet Surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
Give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into
Life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.

Song #2 - Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Come, come just as you are.
Come, come.

Song #3 – You Say

I keep fighting voices in my mind
that say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me
I will never measure up

Am I more than just the sum of
every high and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am,
because I need to know

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong, oh You say that I am
Yours
And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me
I believe

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Song #3 – You Say Cont'd

The only thing that matters now
Is everything You think of me
In You I find my worth,
In You I find my identity

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong,
Oh You say that I am Yours
And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me
I believe

Taking all I have
And now I'm laying it at Your feet
You have every failure God,
And You'll have every victory

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong,
Oh You say that I am Yours
And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me
I believe

Oh I believe, yes I believe
What You say of me
Oh I believe

Song #4 - I Choose Love

In the midst of pain I choose love
In the midst of pain I choose love
In the midst of pain
Sorrow falling down like rain
I await the sun again
I choose love
I choose love

In the midst of war I choose peace
In the midst of war I choose peace
In the midst of war
Hate and anger keeping score
I will seek the good once more
I choose peace
I choose peace

When my world falls down I will rise
When my world falls down I will rise
When my world falls down
Explanations can't be found
I will climb to holy ground
I will rise
I will rise

In the midst of pain I choose love
In the midst of pain I choose love
In the midst of pain
Sorrow falling down like rain
I await the sun again
I choose love
I choose love

Song #5 - Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Song #6 - 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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