



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Sarah Woods

Prelude:

Jennifer Moore

Call to Worship*

Sarah Woods

L: Happy are we

P: when our treasures cannot be quantified.

L: Happy are we

P: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

L: Happy are we

P: when our pain is held in the balm of love.

L: Happy are we

P: when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

Opening Prayer

Sarah Woods

Song—*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #89*

Worship Team

Pastoral Prayer

Rhonda Grammer

Song—*If We're Honest*

Worship Team

Scripture Reading *1 Chronicles 16:8-11* NRSVUE

Sarah Woods

- ⁸ O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- ⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
- ¹⁰ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- ¹¹ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

Today's Message: "*How, Then, Shall We Live*"

Rhonda Grammer

Song—*Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone*

Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks

Sarah Woods

Song—*Doxology #95*

Worship Team

Benediction

Rhonda Grammer

Speaker Bio: Certified Lay Servant Rhonda Grammer is a long time member of Immanuel and is in the process of becoming a Certified Lay Minister. She has participated in our music ministries and has been a member of many church groups and committees over the years. In addition, Rhonda volunteers in a variety community programs including Brown Bag Buddies and Angel Tree Ministries.

Worship Team:

Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

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*written by Katherine Hawker

Welcome—As we spring forward into a new season, may we also step into the fresh grace God provides each day. Though we may have lost an hour of sleep, we gain time together in His presence—a reminder that His mercies are new every morning.

Preparation for Worship—Gracious God, as we spring forward into a new season, awaken our hearts to your presence. Even when our bodies feel weary, renew our spirits with your joy. Help us to use every moment you give us for your glory, trusting that your light shines brighter than any lost hour of sleep. Prepare us now to worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Pi(e) Day

Penny May will be taking pie orders before and after church on March 8th. Pickup will be on Saturday, March 14 from 10am—noon. You may also phone Penny (618-655-0706) to ask a question or place your order. Pies available are apple (double crust or crumb topping), chocolate cream, coconut cream, custard, pecan, strawberry and Toll House. 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

Our next lunch will take place on Friday, March 20th. As always, there is no charge for the meal, however donations are welcome and appreciated. Everyone is welcome. Our thanks to all the volunteers who help to prepare and serve these meals to our community.

Save the Date—Spring Workday

Let's spruce up our church home! Join us on Saturday, April 18 from 9am—noon for our annual Spring Workday. We'll be cleaning and prepping our grounds for the warmer months. Many hands make light work so we hope you will join us. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

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.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 3/8—Phyllis Fisher, 3/10—Dakota Zirges, 3/11—Eric Levin, 3/14—William Kreutzberg

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

- Family and friends of Al Werner, longtime companion of Joanie Green, recently passed from pancreatic cancer.
- 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, March 9	10:30 am 7:15 pm	Head Start Learn & Play AA
Tuesday, March 10	9:00 am	Home School Group —Lower Level until 3pm
Wednesday, March 11		No Events Scheduled
Thursday, March 12	12:00 pm	United Women in Faith in Journey's Inn
Friday, March 13		No Events Scheduled
Saturday, March 14	9:00 am 10:00 am 12:00pm	Rise & Shine Yoga Pie Day Pie Pickup until noon Board of Trustee Walkthrough and Meeting
Sunday, March 15	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

Today's Worship Assistants:

Guest Speaker: Rhonda Grammer
Liturgist and Host: Sarah Woods
Greeter: Lisa Allen
Soundboard: Tobias Weaver
Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Guest Speaker: Jules Donnelly
Liturgist and Host: Dave Norris
Greeter: Jill Winte
Soundboard: Matt Martell
Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis



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**Song #1 – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
#89**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of Glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise

Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest

Thou our Father, Christ our brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Love divine is reigning o'er us
Binding all within its span

Ever singing, march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward,
In the triumph song of life

Song #2 - If We're Honest

Truth is harder than a lie
The dark seems safer than the light
And everyone has a heart that loves to hide

I'm a mess and so are you
We've built walls nobody can get through
Yeah it may be hard
But the best thing we could ever do, ever do

Bring your brokenness and I'll bring mine
'Cause love can heal what hurt divides
And mercy's waiting on the other side
If we're honest, if we're honest

Don't pretend to be something that you're not
Living life afraid of getting caught
There is freedom found
When we lay our secrets down at the cross
At the cross

So bring your brokenness and I'll bring mine
'Cause love can heal what hurt divides
And mercy's waiting on the other side
If we're honest, if we're honest

It would change our lives
It would set us free
It's what we need to be

Bring your brokenness and I'll bring mine
'Cause love can heal what hurt divides
And mercy's waiting on the other side
Mmmmm
If we're honest
If we're honest
If we're honest

Song #3 - Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

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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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