



## *Immanuel United Methodist Church*

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

March 15, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

### **Order of Worship**

#### **Ringing of the Bell**

#### **Welcome**

David Norris

#### **Song—*His Name is Wonderful* # 174**

Worship Team

#### **Call to Worship**

David Norris

L: Holy God, we have left our homes and warm beds to be in your presence.

**P: We gather in your name to worship and praise you.**

L: May this first day of the week...

**P: be only one of many days in which we sing your praises and worship you.**

#### **Opening Prayer**

David Norris

#### **Song—*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #154**

Worship Team

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

David Norris

#### **Song—*Lord, I Need You***

Worship Team

**God is with us in Darkness** *Psalm 23* <sup>NRSVUE</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

**We are called to be children of light - Ephesians 5:8-14** <sup>NRSVUE</sup>

<sup>8</sup>for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**Finally, Jesus is light of the world - *John 9:1-16* <sup>NRSVUE</sup>**

**9** As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. **2** His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" **3** Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. **4** We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. **5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." **6** When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, **7** saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. **8** The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" **9** Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." **10** But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" **11** He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." **12** They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." **13** They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. **14** Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. **15** Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." **16** Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.

**Today's Message:** "*Finding Hope, Peace and Light in Dark Places*"

Jules Donnelly

**Song**—*Come Thou Fount #400*

Worship Team

**Prayer of Thanks**

David Norris

**Song**—*Doxology #95*

Worship Team

**Benediction**

David Norris

**Speaker Bio:** Julie "Jules" Donnelly grew up Catholic and is a recent convert to the Methodist Church where she is currently a Lay Servant and CLM candidate. She lives in Edwardsville with her life partner, her teenage daughter, two dogs and anywhere from 4 to 10 (mostly) foster cats.

Julie has an undergraduate degree in Political Science and Journalism, eventually earning the equivalent of a minor in Biology and an advanced degree in Geography and Cartography (GIS). Naturally with these academic credentials aside, she's spent the past three and half decades in IT as a Programmer.

**Worship Team:**

Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

CLI #2836520

**Welcome**—During this Lenten season, we praise God for His righteous Son, who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price for our disobedience. Let us praise him with hearts filled with Christ's spirit of obedience.

**Preparation for Worship**—Make our minds receptive to your Word, Lord. Help us to hear it, to spiritually digest it, and to live by it. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**UMCOR Sunday!** Today is one of the six Special Sundays of the United Methodist Church—all donations to UMCOR Sunday underwrite administrative costs so that gifts made to humanitarian response efforts directly support those in need—ensuring that UMCOR can respond swiftly and be a source of hope.

### **Friday Food and Fellowship**

Our next lunch will take place on Friday, March 20th. The menu will be tuna casserole, pasta, salad, bread and dessert. 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.

"In the garden of the soul, we must labor with patience, for the sweetest blooms do not spring from haste, but from a quiet faith that endures the sharpest winter".—Author Unknown

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**Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** 3/15—Gary Koenig; Brandy Page; Brittney Morales, 3/17—Ashlei Anderson; Hayden Grammer, 3/20—Teresa Akers-Helle; Dustin McCullough

**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 16	6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Girl Scouts in Journey's Inn AA
Tuesday, March 17	9:00 am	Home School Group —Lower Level until 3pm
Wednesday, March 18	7:00 pm	Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, March 19		No Events Scheduled
Friday, March 20	11:00 am	Friday Food and Fellowship until 1:00pm
Saturday, March 21	9:00 am	Rise & Shine Yoga
Sunday, March 22	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

### Today's Worship Assistants:

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

### Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Guest Speaker: Sarah Woods  
Liturgist: Jules Donnelly    Host: Emerson Gausmann  
Greeter: Emily Spitze  
Soundboard: Keith Housewright  
Worship Screens: Helen Housewright



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## **Song #1 - His Name is Wonderful #174**

His Name Is Wonderful  
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Jesus, My Lord

He Is The Mighty King  
Master Of Everything  
His Name Is Wonderful  
Jesus, My Lord

He's The Great Shepherd  
The Rock Of All Ages  
Almighty God Is He

Bow Down Before Him  
Love And Adore Him  
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## **Song #2 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
And crown him Lord of all  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
And crown him Lord of all

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall  
Go spread your trophies at his feet  
And crown him Lord of all  
Go spread your trophies at his feet  
And crown him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe  
And crown him Lord of all  
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And crown him Lord of all

### **Song #3 - Lord, I Need You**

Lord I come, I confess  
Bowling here, I find my rest  
Without You, I fall apart  
You're the one, that guides my heart

Lord I need You, oh I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found, is where You are  
And where You are, Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You, oh I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You, oh I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

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### **Song #4 – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing #400**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer  
Hither by thy help I'm come  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to thee

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

### **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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