



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Emerson Gausmann

Prelude—

Jennifer Moore

Call to Worship

Jules Donnelly

L: Let the radiance of Christ be evident among us:

P: in our songs and our words;

L: in our deepest thoughts and desires;

P: in the youthful and the experienced, the exhausted and the energetic;

L: in the hungry and the scared.

P: We are here together. We join our voices and our hearts in praise.

Opening Prayer

Jules Donnelly

Song—*Great is Thy Faithfulness #140*

Worship Team

Pastoral Prayer

Sarah Woods

Song—*Come As You Are*

Worship Team

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures ⁴ and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed. ¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Today's Message: *Old Story, New Hope*

Sarah Woods

Song—*No Longer Slaves*

Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks

Emerson Gausmann

Song—*Doxology #95*

Worship Team

Benediction

Sarah Woods

Speaker Bio: Sarah Woods is a familiar face at Immanuel where she volunteers as a monthly liturgist. Sarah has been attending Immanuel since 2023 and leads the young adult lunch group and is a member of our Board of Trustees. She's actively working to become a deacon in the UMC. Some of her hobbies include reading and playing musical instruments.

Worship Team:

Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

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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—As we worship you, Lord, unite us in heart and purpose. Let our songs rise as one voice, our prayers blend as one offering and our faith be strengthened through our fellowship. May our worship today draw us closer to you and to one another. Amen.

A Note from the Board of Trustees—2026 Welcoming and Inclusive Improvements

This year, the Board of Trustees are considering several improvements and repairs to the front of the building and main entrance, aiming to create a restored, more welcoming first appearance for visitors and members that will last for years to come. Detailed information about these improvements, can be found by [clicking here](#). Printed copies will also available on the table in the overflow/hospitality room.

Good Friday Worship

We invite you to join hearts and hands with us in remembrance of He who bore his crown of thorns willingly, arose from the dead, and defeated death that we might have eternal life. Worship with us at 6:00 pm Friday, April 3rd.

Easter Worship

We look forward to worshipping with you as we celebrate Christ's victory over death and the grave. Please join us at 10:00 am on Sunday, April 5th.

Friday Food and Fellowship

Our April lunches will take place on April 3rd and 17th. 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.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 3/24—Kyle Emshousen; LaVonne Timmins, 3/25—Katheryn Kreutzberg; Trisha Pollard, 3/27—David Condrey

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week: 3/24—Keith & LeeAnn Kane

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 23	5:00 pm 7:15 pm	Head Start Parent Meetings AA
Tuesday, March 24		No Events Scheduled
Wednesday, March 25	1:00 pm	Head Start Learn & Play
Thursday, March 26		No Events Scheduled
Friday, March 27		No Events Scheduled
Saturday, March 28	9:00 am	Rise & Shine Yoga
Sunday, March 29 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

Today's Worship Assistants:

Guest Speaker: Sarah Woods

Liturgist: Jules Donnelly Host: Emerson Gausmann

Greeter: Emily Spitze

Soundboard: Keith Housewright

Worship Screens: Helen Housewright

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Andrew Taylor

Greeter: Larry & Linda Duckworth

Soundboard: Matt Martell

Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis



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Song #1 - Great is Thy Faithfulness #140

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Song #2 – Come As You Are

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

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

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

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, 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

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
Come as you are
Come as you are

Song #3 - No Longer Slaves

You unravel me, with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance, from my enemy
Until all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

From my mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again, to a family
Your blood flows through my veins

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

You split the sea
So I could walk right through it
My fears are drowned in perfect love
You rescued me
So I can stand and sing
I am a child of God

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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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