



## *Immanuel United Methodist Church*

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

April 5, 2026  
Easter Sunday

### **Order of Worship**

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

#### **Welcome**

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Prelude**—*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

#### **Song**—*Christ the Lord is Risen Today #302*

Worship Team

#### **Call to Worship**

Andrew Taylor

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

L: Darkness has been vanquished!

**P: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!**

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

**P: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Andrew Taylor

#### **Song**—*Up From the Grave He Arose #322*

Worship Team

#### **Song**—*He Lives #310*

Worship Team

**Old Testament Reading—Genesis 50:15-21**

Andrew Taylor

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"<sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?<sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor David Roderick

**Song—In Christ Alone**

Worship Team

**New Testament Reading: Romans 5:1-8**

Andrew Taylor

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**Today's Message—Power Through**

Pastor David Roderick

**Song—Death Was Arrested**

Worship Team

**Holy Communion**

Pastor David Roderick

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
Forever. Amen**

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanks**

Pastor David Roderick

**Song—***He Lives (Chorus) #310*

Worship Team

**Benediction**

Pastor David Roderick

**Worship Team:**

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Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

**Welcome!**—Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome, one and all, to this Resurrection Sunday worship celebration! Easter calls us to celebrate with joy and gratitude. Christ's resurrection reminds us that darkness does not win and hope is always rising. Let's rejoice together in the good news that transforms our lives.

**Preparation for Worship**—On this glorious Easter Day, let us offer God our highest accolades for raising Christ from his grave and making him our eternal Lord.

### **Friday Food and Fellowship**

Our next lunch takes place on April 17th. As always, there is no charge for the meal, however donations are always welcome and appreciated. Everyone is welcome. Our thanks to all the volunteers who help to prepare and serve these meals to our community. 14

### **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.

**Partners for Pets**—Have an old pile of newspapers? Bring them to Immanuel and place them in the marked box in the Hospitality Room. Please no shredded paper. They will be delivered to Partners for Pets who have need of them. Thank you!

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**Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** 4/5—Tami Masinelli, 4/9—Todd Masinelli

**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

- Father of Jacob Shipton, recently diagnosed with 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, April 6	10:30 am 6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Head Start Learn & Play Girl Scouts in Journey's Inn AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 7	9:00 am	Home School Group until 3:00pm
Wednesday, April 8		No Events Scheduled
Thursday, April 9	12:00 pm	United Women in Faith
Friday, April 10		No Events Scheduled
Saturday, April 11	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Rise & Shine Yoga Rainbow House Theatre Group
Sunday, April 12	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

### Today's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Andrew Taylor

Greeter: Emily Spitze

Soundboard: Dustin Franke

Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis



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### Next Week's Worship Assistants (Easter Sunday):

Liturgist: Jules Donnelly

Greeter: Jill Winte

Soundboard: Matt Martell

Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis

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**Song #1 - Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
#302 (v. 1,4)**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**Song #2 - Up From the Grave He Arose #322**

Low in the grave He lay,  
Jesus my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day,  
Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed,  
Jesus my Savior;  
Vainly they seal the dead,  
Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey,  
Jesus my Savior;  
He tore the bars away,  
Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**Song #3 - 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 #4 – In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live  
There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## **Song #5 – Death Was Arrested**

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free, washes over me  
You have made me new, now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love, pouring down on us  
You have made us new, now life begins with You

Released from my chains, I'm a prisoner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free, washes over me  
You have made me new, now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love, pouring down on us  
You have made us new, now life begins with You

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began  
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Oh, Your grace so free, washes over me  
You have made me new, now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love, pouring down on us  
You have made us new, now life begins with You

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes, we're free, free, forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes, we're free, free, forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

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## **Song #6 – He Lives #310 (CHORUS ONLY)**

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.

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