



## *Immanuel United Methodist Church*

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

April 26, 2026

### **Order of Worship**

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

#### **Welcome**

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Song—*Spirit Song #347***

Worship Team

#### **Opening Prayer**

David Norris

#### **Call to Worship**

David Norris

L: We gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

**P: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

L: We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

**P: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

L: We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.

**P: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

L: Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

**P: We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.**

#### **Song—*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #381***

Worship Team

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor David Roderick

**Song**—*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought #128*

Worship Team

**Scripture Reading:** *1 Peter 2:19-25*

David Norris

<sup>19</sup> For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Today's Message**—

Pastor David Roderick

**Song**—*How He Loves Us*

Worship Team

**Prayer of Thanks**

Pastor David Roderick

**Doxology #95**

Worship Team

**Benediction**

Pastor David Roderick

**Worship Team:**

Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

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## **Welcome!**

Friends and friends-to-be, we welcome you to this time of worship, faith education and Christian fellowship. May the Word of God nourish you for your life and ministry in the days to come.

## **Preparation for Worship**

God, I come to you with many preoccupations. Settle my spirit in the embrace of your love and peace. Amen.

## **Thank You To the Immanuel Congregation**

I want to thank you all that took the time to send a card or letter to honor me the day of my Honor Flight. The trip was so wonderful, The time spent with other service persons was great. Anyone that has served in the military should apply for the trip as it is so uplifting. Thank you all—Gary Koenig

## **Blessing Box**

We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Metro East Community Rotary Club to place a Blessing Box on our church grounds. The box is located on the edge of the north parking lot next to the sidewalk leading to the prayer Garden. The MEC Rotary Club placed the box this past Saturday. They were able to secure the materials through a grant, and will also help us keep it stocked in the short term. The blessing box is an opportunity to provide quick food and household-necessity supplements to individuals and families when they need them. More information, including suggested donation items, was included in the Weekly Update email.

## **Weekly Update Emails**

Do you receive our “Weekly Update” email each Wednesday in your inbox? Email is one of our main communication tools. If you do not currently receive our weekly email and would like to, please fill out the tear off portion of today’s bulletin and drop in the collection box to be added to our distribution list.

## **Friday Food and Fellowship**

Our May lunches will take place on May 1 and 15. As always, there is no charge for the meal, however donations are always appreciated. Everyone is welcome. We are grateful for all the volunteers who help to prepare and serve these meals to our community.

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**Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** 4/27—Laurie Frey; John Hatton, 4/28—Jill Winte; Mark Winte, 4/29—Pat Davis, 4/30—Sheila Page, 5/1—Libby Levin

**Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:** 4/21—Daniel & Tara Hodge, 4/23—Douglas & Diane McCullough; Nathan & Brittney Morales

**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

- Dennis Fellhauer, brother of Penny May and Dale Fellhauer, as he goes through cancer treatments. Prayers to the family as they support him during this time.
- Healing prayers for Sharon Koenig as she recovers from a compression fracture of her L4.
- Kathy and Lynn Blomgren, mother and father-in-law of Sheila Page for health concerns
- Prayer of healing for Shelley Duncan, cousin of Sheila Page.
- 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

Sunday, April 26	10:00am 11:00am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, April 27	7:15pm	AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 28	9:00am	Home School Group until 3:00pm
Wednesday, April 29		No Events Scheduled
Thursday, April 30		No Events Scheduled
Friday, May 1	11:00am	Friday Food & Fellowship
Saturday, May 2	9:00am 5:00pm	Rise & Shine Yoga Rainbow House Theatre Group
Sunday, May 3	10:00am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

### Today's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: David Norris

Greeter: Penny & Tom May

Soundboard: Keith Housewright

Worship Screens: Helen Housewright

### Next Week's Worship Assistants

Liturgist: Lisa Allen

Greeter: Tami Masinelli

Soundboard: Matt Martell

Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis



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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—Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us #381**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are

We are thine; thou dost befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
We will early turn to thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor,  
Early let us do thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us; love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us; love us still.

**Song #3 - He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought #128**

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done,  
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

**Song #4 - How He Loves Us**

He is jealous for me  
Loves like a hurricane  
I am a tree bending beneath  
The weight of His wind and mercy

When all of a sudden I am unaware of  
These afflictions eclipsed by glory  
I realize just how beautiful You are  
And how great Your affections are for me

Oh how He loves us oh  
Oh how He loves us  
How He loves us all

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How He loves us all

(Yeah) He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves

We are His portion  
And He is our prize  
Drawn to redemption  
By the grace in His eyes  
If grace is an ocean we're all sinking

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And Heaven meets earth  
Like an unforeseen kiss  
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest  
I don't have time to maintain these regrets  
When I think about the way ...  
That He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves

(Yeah) He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves

(Yeah) He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves us  
Oh how He loves

## **Song #5 – Doxology #95**

Chorus 1  
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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