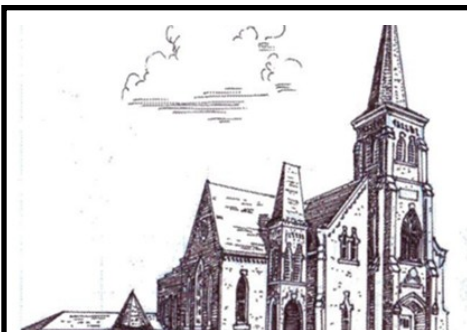




Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

July 26, 2026

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Call to Worship*

Jules Donnelly

L: Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

P: Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

Song—*Surely the Presence of the Lord #328*

Worship Team

Opening Prayer

Jules Donnelly

Song—*O Worship the King #73*

Worship Team

Affirmation of Faith**

We affirm that human beings are made for God and for one another. We celebrate the diversity of our human family and respond to God's call in the world through acts of mercy and justice.

We affirm that all creation belongs to God and is a manifestation of God's goodness. Humans, nonhuman animals, plants, and other forms of life are a part of a web of community that depends on each other. We affirm our sacred call to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

We profess that all we are and all that we possess, belongs to God. We are temporary stewards of resources and material goods that should be used to serve God and our neighbor. We recognize economic challenges of scarcity, but pledge to live into a Kingdom of God where all are cared for and all have enough.

We affirm that human beings are made for God and for one another. We celebrate the diversity of our human family and respond to God's call to love our neighbors of the world through acts of mercy and justice.

We affirm that our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbor, to do justice, and to care for the vulnerable. Our political action is to be aimed at a common good and not a pursuit of power.

I believe that the Triune God is a God that is community, and that God created humanity to be in community. We are called to be holy, and are made holy through the saving work of Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Jules Donnelly

Song—Need You Now (*How Many Times*)

Worship Team

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52*

Jules Donnelly

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Today's Message:

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone*

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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*Written by Lisa Hancock

**Written by Rev. Robb McCoy

Welcome!

Welcome! We rejoice in your presence as we gather in unity around the throne of grace.

Preparation for Worship

Quiet our spirits, O Lord, so that we might focus upon your presence and know that we are properly worshipping you, our Redeemer, Creator, and Comforter. Amen.

Stay Connected This Summer

Summer schedules can be full, but staying connected matters. Be sure to check the bulletin, newsletter and social media for updates on worship, events and opportunities to serve. We are grateful to walk through this season together as a church family.

Pride Picnic

Rainbow House will be hosting their annual picnic Saturday, August 15th from 2pm-6pm. Members of the LGBTQ+ community and their supporters are welcome to join us for a day of food, games, music and friends! Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, speak with Hayden Ellis.

Edwardsville Unity Fest 2026 - A Free Family Festival

Saturday, September 26—11am-4pm

Edwardsville Unity's Annual Unity Fest will be held 11am-4 pm on Saturday, September 26th, at Leclaire Park. Immanuel will be represented and have a table at the event. If you are interested in volunteering at our table, please talk to David or contact the church office at 618-656-4648.

Leclaire Parkfest 2026

Friends of Leclaire's 34rd Annual Parkfest will be held on Sunday, October 18 from 11am-5pm Sunday, October 18, at Leclaire Park. Immanuel will have a table. We are looking for volunteers to help man the table. If you are able to help, please let Pastor David or the church office know.

Operation Christmas Child 2026

It's that time of year again. A tote has been placed in the hospitality room for those who would like to drop off new small items to be used to fill shoe boxes for the 2026 Christmas season. More information is available in the Weekly Update email. Thank you for all the donations to date. There will be many happy children this Christmas!

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 7/26—Bill Phillipe, 7/27—Mike Portell, 7/29—Mark Fisher, 7/30—Nancy Phillipe, 8/1—Brandon Schaake

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week: 7/28—Karl & Amber Larson, 7/29—John & Jennifer Fowler

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

- Dear friend of Laurie Hosto battling breast cancer and is scheduled for surgery in August.
- Sharon Koenig, prayers of healing and comfort after a unexpected surgery and as she continues to heal from a compression fraction of her L4.
- Sherri, fiancé of Koenig family nephew. Waiting decision MRI of brain tumor.
- Dennis Fellhauer, brother of Penny May and Dale Fellhauer, as he goes through cancer treatments. And prayers to the family as they support him during this time.
- Carl Streubel, friend of Emily Spitze, who is battling cancer.

To add someone to the prayer list fill out the bulletin slip or contact the church office.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, June 26	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship
Monday, July 27	7:15 pm	AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 28	5:00 pm	Centering Prayer Group (outside group)
Wednesday, July 29	10:00 am	Yoga Class
Thursday, July 30		No Events Scheduled
Friday, July 31		No Events Scheduled
Saturday, August 1	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Rise & Shine Yoga Rainbow House Theatre Group
Sunday, August 2	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

Today's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Jules Donnelly

Greeter: TBD

Soundboard: Hayden Ellis

Worship Screens: Tami Masinelli



Next Week's Worship Assistants

Liturgist: Andrew Taylor

Greeter: Emily Spitze

Soundboard: Hayden Ellis

Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis

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Song #1 – Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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Song #2 – O Worship the King (v. 1,3,4,5)

O worship the King
All glorious above
O gratefully sing
God's power and God's love
Our Shield and Defender
The Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor
And girded with praise

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care
What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air
It shines in the light
It streams from the hills
It descends to the plain
And sweetly distills
In the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust
And feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust
Nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender
How firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender
Redeemer and Friend

Song #3 – Need You Now (How Many Times)

Well everybody's got a story to tell
And everybody's got a wound to be healed
I want to believe there's beauty here

'Cause oh I get so tired of holding on
I can't let go, I can't move on
I want to believe there's meaning here

How many times have you heard me cry out
"God please take this"?
How many times have you given me strength
To just keep breathing?
Oh I need you
God, I need you now

Standing on a road I didn't plan
Wondering how I got to where I am
I'm trying to hear that still small voice
I'm trying to hear above the noise

How many times have you heard me cry out
"God please take this"?
How many times have you given me strength to
Just keep breathing?
Oh I need you
God, I need you now

Though I walk,
Though I walk through the shadows
And I, I am so afraid
Please stay, please stay right beside me
With every single step I take

How many times have you heard me cry out?
How many times have you given me strength?

How many times have you heard me cry out
"God please take this"?
How many times have you given me strength to
Just keep breathing?
Oh I need you

Song #4 – 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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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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