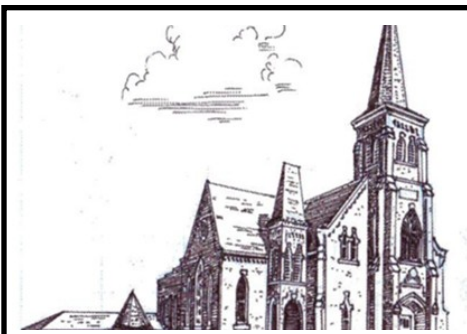




Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

August 23, 2026

Order of Worship

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Cry of My Heart TFWS #2165*

Worship Team

Call to Worship*

Jules Donnelly

L: In a world where powerful people make decisions to lift themselves up and cast others aside, how does God teach us to use our power?

P: God teaches us to protect the vulnerable, resist the oppressors, and persist in doing good.

L: In a world where power means might, how does God show us what power means?

P: God shows us through the midwives' daring, Peter's truth-telling, and Jesus' humility.

L: In a world where power is held over people's heads, how does God exercise power?

P: God exercises power with—with the oppressed, with the outcasts, with the poor and downtrodden.

L: Beloved, we gather to recognize our world as it is and to grow as disciples and imitators of Christ. So, how will you use your power today?

P: We will side with the vulnerable, build community in the margins, and love all of our neighbors with the exuberant and all-encompassing love of Christ. Amen.

Opening Prayer**

Jules Donnelly

Song—*Great Are You Lord*

Worship Team

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 16:13-20*

Jules Donnelly

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Hold on to Me*

Worship Team

Today's Message:

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Cornerstone*

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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** Adapted from Lawrence Gandiya, Zimbabwe.

Welcome!

With gratitude we come to give thanks to the Lord for God's boundless grace. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we extend the hand of friendship and love to all who have come.

Preparation for Worship

If we are not in line with your will, graceful God, may this be the day we make our lives fully dedicated to you.

PFLAG – Raise Some Dough

Join MOD Pizza in supporting PFLAG Edwardsville on September 13, at their Edwardsville location. Bring the flyer or order online via their website or mobile app and use the fundraiser code **MODGIVES20**. If used, MOD will donate 20% of your bill to support PFLAG Edwardsville. Printed flyers are also available on the table in the overflow/hospitality room.

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 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 Box (Update)

We have already collected a LOT of items for this year's boxes and just need the following items: Combs, brushes, school supplies (especially pencil sharpeners. We do NOT need pencils) small notepads, kids sunglasses, small coloring books or activity pads, kids gloves and MONEY FOR SHIPPING (last year each box ran around \$10 for shipping). We will get together on November 11 at 5:30pm in Journey's Inn to pack these items. Questions can be directed to Laurie Frey or Tami Roderick.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 8/23—Ethan Fisher; Katharine Housewright, 8/24—Kendall Kane. 8/27—Tyler Slaby, 8/28—Hannah Penelton

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

- Thomas Schultz, friend of Larry and Linda Duckworth, for heart condition.
- Prayers of comfort for Penny May, Dale Fellhauer, Pat Boudreau, and David Fellhauer, for the loss of their brother, Dennis.
- Blake Donnelly, nephew of Jules Donnelly who has had lifelong health issues and is currently in the ICU.
- Dear friend of Laurie Hosto battling breast cancer and is scheduled for surgery.
- Sharon Koenig, prayers of healing and comfort after a recent surgery and continues to heal from a compression fracture.
- Sherri, fiancé of Koenig family nephew. Waiting decisions on MRI of brain tumor.
- Carl Streubel, friend of Emily Spitze, who is battling cancer.

Calendar for the Week

Monday, August 24	7:15 pm AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 25	5:00 pm Centering Prayer Group (outside group)
Wednesday, August 26	No Events Scheduled
Thursday, August 27	No Events Scheduled
Friday, August 28	No Events Scheduled
Saturday, August 29	12:00pm Dennis Fellhauer Visitation and Service
Sunday, August 30	10:00 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

Today's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Jules Donnelly
Greeter: Jill Winte
Soundboard: Hayden Ellis
Worship Screens: Tami Masinelli



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Next Week's Worship Assistants

Liturgist: Sarah Woods
Greeter: Emily Spitze
Soundboard: Hayden Ellis
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Song #1 – Cry of My Heart TFWS #2165

It is the cry of my heart
To follow You
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to You
It is the cry of my heart
To follow
All of the days of my life

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord
So I can walk in Your truth
Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord
And make me wholly devoted to You

It is the cry of my heart
To follow You
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to You
It is the cry of my heart
To follow
All of the days of my life

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make it wholly devoted to You

It is the cry of my heart
To follow You
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to You
It is the cry of my heart
To follow
All of the days of my life

Song #2 – Great Are You Lord

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope,
You restore every heart that is broken
Great are you, Lord

It's your breath in our lungs
So, we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So, we pour out our praise to you only

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You bring light to the darkness
You give hope,
You restore every heart that is broken
Great are you, Lord

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So, we pour out our praise,
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It's your breath in our lungs
So, we pour out our praise to you only

And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
"Great are you, Lord!"
And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
"Great are you, Lord!"

It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only

It's your breath in our lungs
So, we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So, we pour out our praise to you only

Song #3 – Hold on to Me

When the best of me is barely breathing.
When I'm not somebody I believe in
Hold on to me

When I miss the light the night has stolen.
When I'm slamming
All the doors you've opened.
Hold on to me, hold on to me

Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You.
Hold on to me when I have reached the end.
Hold on to me when I forget I need You
When I let go, hold me again

When I don't feel like I'm worth defending.
When I'm tired of all the pretending
Hold on to me

When I start to break in desperation
Underneath the weight of expectations
Hold on to me, hold on to me

I could rest here in Your arms forever
'Cause I know nobody could love me better
So, hold on to me, hold on to me

Song #4 – Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

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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