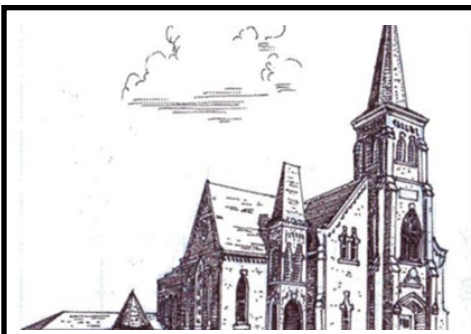




Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

August 30, 2026

Order of Worship

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Spirit of the Living God*

Worship Team

Call to Worship

Sarah Woods

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

P: We will sing God's praises and walk in his ways!

L: Jesus calls us to look beyond the world's fears and set our minds on things above.

P: To find our lives, we surrender them to Christ.

L: Come, let us take up our cross and follow the Savior.

P: We gather today to worship the Lord with all our hearts

Opening Prayer

Sarah Woods

Song—*This is Amazing Grace*

Worship Team

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 16:21-28*

Sarah Woods

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Blessings*

Worship Team

Today's Message:

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Where He Leads Me #338*

Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Doxology #95

Worship Team

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick

Worship Team:

CLI #2836520

Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

Welcome!

The psalmist reminds us that God's name is majestic in all the earth (Psalm 8:9, NRSV). With love for God and for one another, let us approach the throne of grace from which all blessings flow. Welcome, friends!

Preparation for Worship

Give us a willing spirit, dear Lord, a spirit willing to worship and serve you wholeheartedly.

Friday Food and Fellowship

The next lunch will be hosted by Faith in Action and will take place on Friday, September 4 from 11am-1pm. As always, there is no charge, but donations are accepted and appreciated as able. Please join us and bring a friend!

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 [click here](#) to signup, 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 [click here](#) to sign-up, let Pastor David or the church office know.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 8/31—Rhonda Grammer, 9/1—Libby Metcalf, 9/4—Janet Fisher

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week: 8/31—Tom & Penny May

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

- Michael McCrary, for the loss of his father.
- Jean Ann, niece of Dave and Marion Norris, as she begins a new chemo treatment.
- Three friends of Dave Norris, all struggling with new medications.
- 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.
- 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.

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

Calendar for the Week

Monday, August 31	7:15pm	AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, September 1	9:00am	Homeschool Group until 3:00pm
	5:00pm	Centering Prayer Group (outside group)
Wednesday, September 2	4:00pm	Immanuel at Rainbow Welcome at SIUE until 6pm
	7:00pm	Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, September 3	7:00pm	PFLAG in Journey's Inn
Friday, September 4	11:00am	Friday Food & Fellowship Hosted by Faith in Action, until 1pm
Saturday, September 5	9:00am	Rise & Shine Yoga
Sunday, September 6	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

Today's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Sarah Woods

Greeter: Emily Spitze

Soundboard: Hayden Ellis

Worship Screens: Tami Masinelli



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Song #1 – Spirit of the Living God #393

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
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Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Song #2 – This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory. The King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory. The King above all kings

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That you would take my place
That you would bear my cross
You laid down your life, that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter
The King of Glory. The King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory. The King above all kings

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That you would take my place
That you would bear my cross
You laid down your life, that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy Worthy Worthy

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Song #3 – Blessings

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering

And all the while, You hear Each spoken need
Yet love is way too much To give us lesser things

What if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear
And we cry in anger when We cannot feel You near
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love
As if every promise from Your Word is not enough

And all the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have Faith to believe

What if Your blessings, come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life, are Your mercies in disguise

When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win
We know that pain reminds this heart
That this is not, this is not our home
This is not our home

What if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
And what if a thousand sleepless Nights
Are what it takes to know You're near

What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is a revealing of a greater thirst This world can't satisfy
And what if trials of this life
The rain, the storms, The hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise

Song #4 – Where He Leads Me #338

I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow;
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Verse 2

I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow;
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
And go with me, with me all the way.

Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow;
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

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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