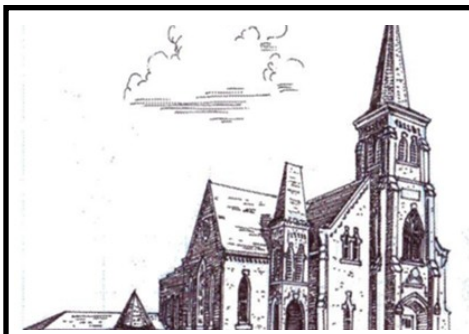




Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

September 20, 2026

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Call to Worship

David Norris

L: In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides...

P: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

L: In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God's provision and abundance deep in our bones...

P: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

L: In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together...

P: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

L: Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on...

P: As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Song—*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Worship Team

Opening Prayer

David Norris

Song—*Breathe on Us*

Worship Team

Scripture Reading: *Jonah 1:1-4, 11-12, 15; 3:1-3; 4:6-11*

David Norris

1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ²“Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me.” ³ But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord. ⁴ But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up.

¹¹ Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹² He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” ¹⁵ So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.

3 The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across.

4 ⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” ⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

Pastoral Prayer

Sarah Woods

Song—*Forever Reign*

Worship Team

Today’s Message: *A Whale of a Time*

Sarah Woods

Song—*Hold Us Together*

Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Doxology #95

Worship Team

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick

Welcome!

With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all.

Preparation for Worship

Enable us, O Lord, to approach you with pure hearts and proper praise. In Christ's name. Amen.

Next Steps Luncheon—Sunday, September 27, 11:00am - 12:15pm

If you have started attending Immanuel UMC over the past year, you are invited to our Next Steps luncheon after church on September 27 in Journey's Inn. Pastor David Roderick will be your host and share some of the church's history as well as what the future holds. You will also have a chance to ask questions about the church, the denomination, and anything else that is on your mind. To register, please call the church office. We look forward to seeing you there

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, a sign-up sheet is in the hospitality room 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 interested in volunteering at our table, a sign-up sheet is in the hospitality room or contact the church office.

Operation Christmas Child Box

We continue to collect items for the shoeboxes. Thank you to those who have donated to date, both with items for the boxes and with funds to help cover shipping (\$10 per box). We will get together on November 11 at 6:30pm in Journey's Inn to pack these items. Questions can be directed to Laurie Frey or Tami Roderick.

Friday Food and Fellowship

Our October lunches will take place on Friday, October 2 and 16, from 11am-1pm. As always, there is no charge, but donations are accepted and appreciated as able. Please join us and bring a friend!

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 9/24—Gage Wagner, 9/25—Eddie Wentz, Jr.

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

- Nadine, cancer diagnosis.
- Catherine, breast cancer diagnosis.
- Thomas Schultz, friend of Larry & Linda Duckworth, for heart condition.
- Dear friend of Laurie Hosto battling breast cancer.
- Continued prayers for Sharon Koenig, who is healing well but dealing with a pinched nerve.
- Sherri, fiancé of Koenig family nephew. Surgery went well. Prayers of comfort during recovery.

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

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, September 20	10:00 am 11:00am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, September 21	6:00pm 7:15 pm	Girl Scouts in Journey's Inn AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, September 22	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Homeschool Group until 3pm Centering Prayer Group (outside group)
Thursday, September 24	5:00 pm	Head Start Parent Meetings
Friday, September 25	12:30 pm	Head Start Learn & Play
Saturday, September 26	9:00 am 11:00 am	Rise & Shine Yoga Immanuel at Unity Fest in Leclaire Park until 4pm

Today's Worship Assistants:

Guest Speaker: Sarah Woods
Liturgist: David Norris
Greeter: Jill Winte
Soundboard: Marquel Rogers
Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis

Next Week's Worship Assistants

Liturgist: Jules Donnelly
Greeter: Larry & Linda Duckworth
Soundboard: Hayden Ellis
Worship Screens: Tami Masinelli



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Song #1 – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of Glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise

Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest

Thou our Father, Christ our brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Love divine is reigning o'er us
Binding all within its span

Ever singing, march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward,
In the triumph song of life

Song #2 – Breathe on Us

There is a shaking, let hearts awaken
Our God is moving
Forever changing us
There is a trembling, there is revival
The sound of worship
So great and glorious
Holy Spirit hear us now

Breathe on us
Holy fire fall
Come and fill this place with Your presence
Like a rushing wind
Send Your Spirit here
Breath of Heaven breathe on us
(Breath of Heaven breathe on us)

Come breathe on us
Come breathe on us
Come breathe on us

Lift up your hands and shout
The Lord is with us now
Lift up your voice and sing
He is holy

Song #3 – Forever Reign

You are good, You are good,
When there's nothing good in me.
You are love, You are love,
On display for all to see.
You are light, You are light,
When the darkness closes in.
You are hope, You are hope,
You have covered all my sin.

You are peace, You are peace,
When my fear is crippling.
You are true, You are true,
Even in my wandering.
You are joy, You are joy,
You're the reason that I sing.
You are life, You are life,
In You death has lost its sting.

Oh, I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love,
Will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your Embrace.
Light of the world, forever reign.

You are more, You are more,
Than my words will ever say.
You are Lord, You are Lord,
All creation will proclaim.
You are here, You are here,
In Your presence I'm made whole.
You are God, You are God,
Of all else I'm letting go.

Oh, I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love,
Will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your Embrace.
Light of the world, forever reign.

My heart will sing
No other name
Jesus, Jesus.
My heart will sing
No other name
Jesus, Jesus.

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Song #4 – Hold Us Together

It don't have a job, don't pay your bills
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life in five easy steps
Ain't the law of the land or the government
But it's all you need

And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world would know that we're not alone

It's waiting for you, knocking at your door
In the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor
And you're on your knees

And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world would know that we're not alone

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Doxology #95

This is the first day of the rest of your life
This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark, you can still see the light
It's gonna be alright, It's gonna be alright

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Love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
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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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