Immanuel United Methodist Church

Edwardsville, Illinois

April 3, 2022
5th Sunday in Lent

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Christal Akers-Helle

Call to Worship Christal Akers-Helle

L: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your Word, O God.
C: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

L: Come and let us worship with great joy!
C: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!

L: God is about to do something new in our lives!
C: Let God's will be strong in our lives. AMEN.

Song—*This Is Amazing Grace* Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer

(Lyrics to songs on page 4)

Scripture Reading—Matthew 20:1-16 NRSV Christal Akers-Helle

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for
his vineyard. [2] After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vine-
yard. [3] When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; [4] and he
said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. [5] When
he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. [6] And about five o'clock he
went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all
day?' [7] They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vine-
yard.' [8] When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give
them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' [9] When those hired about five o'clock
came, each of them received the usual daily wage. [10] Now when the first came, they thought they would
receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. [11] And when they received it, they
grumbled against the landowner, [12] saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them
equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13] But he replied to one of
them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? [14] Take
what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed
to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' [16] So the
last will be first, and the first will be last."

Prayer Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Give Me Jesus* Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer

Sermon Series: The Rest of the Story
Today's Message: "The Laborers in the Vineyard" Pastor David Roderick

Hymn—*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer

Communion

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray,
free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and Thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God now and for ever.

Amen

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen

Giving the Bread and Cup

Offertory Prayer of Thanks Pastor David Roderick

Benediction Pastor David Roderick

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Preparation for Worship—Dear God, on this fifth Sunday in Lent, help us open ourselves to your Holy Spirit's power and peace.

Welcome to Immanuel United Methodist Church, where our purpose is to share the good news of God's love made known in Jesus Christ.

The Vision—Paper copies of the April edition of our monthly newsletter, 'The Vision' are available for you to pick up this morning from the entryway and the Hospitality Room. If you would like to have this newsletter delivered electronically to your inbox, please notify the church office.

Lenten Bible Study - *Short Stories by Jesus*

Wednesdays at 6:30 • March 16 - April 13 • Rainbow House

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for a Bible study based on the parables of Jesus. Each week's study will take a more in-depth look at the parable from the previous Sunday's message. Each week will include a video introduction followed by a conversation about the meaning and personal application of that story. All are welcome—no need to sign up.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt—We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for children immediately after church on Easter Sunday. We need donations of wrapped candy and/or small toys, stickers, etc. to go into the eggs. We would like to have the donations by next Sunday, April 10.

Intergenerational Sunday School—The next gathering of the Intergenerational Sunday School class will be held next Sunday, April 10 beginning at 9 am in the Journey's Inn Room. All are welcome, no matter your age.

Join the Worship Team! We are asking each of you to consider whether you could help one Sunday a month to advance the worship slides, run the soundboard, or serve as the Tech Coordinator. With vacation season approaching, we will have shortages of volunteers for these positions. Training is provided for each of these areas. You would need to arrive at church about an hour early on the Sundays that you are scheduled. If you would like additional information, please go up to the balcony and speak with those currently on the Worship Team.

This Is Amazing Grace
Phil Wickham

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 orphan 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
Worthey is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, Worthy, Worthy

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

Give Me Jesus
Jeremy Camp

In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
Just give me Jesus

When I am alone
When I am alone
When I am alone
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
Just give me Jesus

When I come to die
When I come to die
When I come to die
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
Just give me Jesus

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Just give me Jesus

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Isaac Watts, Lowell Mason

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood

Continued...

See, from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life my all

Prayer/Praise Ministry (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another four weeks)

+++ Sid Helle, cancer treatments
Roy Zimmerman, brother of Sharon Prott, bone cancer

++++ Ron Schaake recovering from a heart procedure
Emily & family, friends of Sheila Page, cancer treatments

Thoughts on Prayer

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you have already begun."
—St. Josemaría Escrivá

"Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus."
—Father Mike Schmitz

"If the lungs of prayer and the Word of God do not nourish the breath of spiritual life, we risk suffocating in the midst of a thousand daily cares. Prayer is the breath of the soul and of life."
—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Celebrating Birthdays this Week

4/06 Brittney Gilleland
Randy McKeever
Marilyn Vignola
Danielle Woods

Celebrating Their Anniversary

4/09 Taylor & Rachelle O'Bryan

2022 Monthly Income & Expense

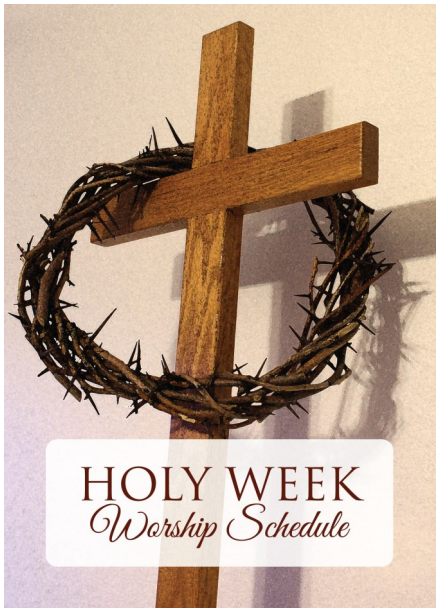
Current Expense (Operating)	
Budgeted Expense—April	$19,559.00
Envelope/Cash	$
Online Contributions	$ 50.00
Benevolence (Missions/Disaster Relief)	
Due by 12/31/2022	$ 8,712.00
Received year to date	$ 725.00

Today's Worship Assistants:
Worship Leader: Christal Akers-Helle
Greeters: Gary & Sharon Koenig
Soundboard: Brandy Page
Worship Screens: Sheila Page
Tech Coordinator: Teresa Akers-Helle

Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Worship Leader: Sarah Dierker
Greeters: Noah Lewis, Jill Winte
Soundboard: Matt Lewis
Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis
Tech Coordinator: Dustin Franke

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 3	10:00 am	In-Person Worship with Holy Communion & Livestream via Facebook
Monday, April 4	7:15 pm	AA
Tuesday April 5	6:00 pm	Board of Trustees
Wednesday, April 6	12:00 pm 6:30 pm	Bridge Club Lenten Bible Study
Thursday, April 7	7:00 pm	FLAG at Rainbow House
Friday, April 8	6:30 pm	Bridge Club
Sunday, April 10 *Palm Sunday*	9:00 am 10:00 am	Intergenerational Sunday School Class In-Person & Livestream Worship



Palm Sunday
April 10
9:00 am Intergenerational Sunday School Class
10:00 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

Maundy Thursday
April 14
6:30 pm Worship

Easter Sunday
April 17
6:30 am Community Sunrise Service at Glik Park
10:00 am Easter Service
11:00 am Children's Egg Hunt

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