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Hosea 11:4, NRSV



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street
Edwardsville, Illinois

July 31, 2022

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Betty Gengler

Opening Prayer

Betty Gengler

Call to Worship

Betty Gengler

L: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

C: For God has dealt mercifully with us!

L: Even when we turned our backs on God,

C: God forgave us and restored us to life.

L: Rejoice in God's abundant love.

C: We will continually praise God who heals and loves us. AMEN.

Song—*Who You Say I Am*

Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer, Sydney Grammer
(Lyrics begin on page 3)

The Apostles' Creed

Betty Gengler

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading—Hosea 11:1-11 NRSVUE

Betty Gengler

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and

Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their scheme. ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. ¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

Prayer	Pastor David Roderick
Song— <i>By My Side</i>	Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer, Sydney Grammer
Message— “The Children of God”	Pastor David Roderick
Hymn— <i>Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty</i>	Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer, Sydney Grammer
Prayer of Thanks	Pastor David Roderick
Benediction	Pastor David Roderick CCLI #2836520

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Preparation for Worship: On this warm summer day, Lord, may we lie back in your love, like on a sunny beach near singing waves, or in shady grass under a whispering tree.

Welcome! We welcome everyone to worship today. Let us all love and accept one another, just as Christ unconditionally loves and accepts us.

School Supplies for Glen-Ed Pantry—The Glen-Ed Pantry’s school supplies drive ends tomorrow. Items can be placed in the purple tote today or taken to the Pantry tomorrow. The Pantry provides all the school supplies a child needs from their specific classroom list, plus a backpack, shoe gift card, and PE clothes. You can donate notebooks, markers, backpacks, etc., or donate funds to let the Pantry purchase needed items. Checks should be sent to the Pantry at 125 5th Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025. Thanks to all who supported this effort.

The August edition of ‘The Vision’ was sent out this week. You may pick up a paper copy this morning if you did not receive one via email or USPS.

It’s time to get rolling—Immanuel UMC and Skate Culture are joining together to offer roller skating at Township Park. Skate rentals are available for just \$5. The purpose of the night is to build community, while promoting health and wellness. Invite friends and family and join us on August 9 and 23 from 5:30-8:00 pm.

VBS Was Awesome! At Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School, the kids attending had lots of fun while learning that “Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through.” A huge Thank You to all of our incredible volunteers, who helped make this year’s Vacation Bible School a great success. A listing of volunteers is included in the August edition of ‘The Vision.’

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
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By My Side

Words and Music by Jay Hamburger and Peggy Gordon

Where are you going?
Where are you going?
Can you take me with you?
For my hand is cold
And need warmth
Where are you going?

Far beyond where the horizon lies
Where the horizon lies
And the land sinks into mellow blueness
Oh please, take me with you

Let me skip the road with you
I can dare myself, I can dare myself
I'll put a pebble in my shoe
And watch me walk
I can walk and walk

I shall call the pebble Dare
I shall call the pebble Dare
We will talk, we will talk together
We will talk about walking
Dare shall be carried

And when we both have had enough
I will take him from my shoe, singing:
"Meet your new road!"
Then I'll take your hand
Finally glad, finally glad
That you are here
By my side

By my side
By my side
By my side

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Reginald Heber | John B. Dykes

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity



Holy, holy, holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 31	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship
Monday, August 1	10:00 am 7:15 pm	S. A. K. Distribution until Noon AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 2	12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bridge Club in Fellowship Hall Board of Trustees
Wednesday, August 3	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bridge Club in Fellowship Hall Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, August 4	7:00 pm`	PFLAG Meeting at Rainbow House
Saturday, August 6	7 am-Noon	Goshen Market Booth Representing Immanuel UMC 2 Shifts: 7:00—9:45 am 9:45 am—12:30 pm
Sunday, August 7	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

Today's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: Betty Gengler
Greeter: Christal Akers-Helle
Soundboard: Jim VanNest
Worship Screens: Carrie VanNest
Tech Coordinator: Teresa Akers-Helle

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: Lisa Allen
Greeters: Gary & Sharon Koenig
Soundboard: Dustin Franke
Worship Screens: Christal Akers-Helle
Tech Coordinator: Teresa Akers-Helle

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

- + Kandy Sullivan, health issues and concerns for her family
Nick and Aaron, brothers who are nephews of a family member of the Koenig's, both hit with sudden
Illness—Nick has a lesion on his brain, and Aaron has a malignant mass near his liver and gall
bladder—both are young men with young children
- +++ Norman and Judy Schoettle for strength and healing—Norman from a home accident, and Judy
from surgery
- ++++ Erika, friend of the Helle family, cancer treatments
Rev. Dr. John "Doc" Shear, treatment for stage 4 esophagus cancer

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: 8/01—Brandon Schaake; 8/03—Paige Brase, Peggy Worthey;
8/05—Lydia Roniger; 8/06—Sid Helle, Isabelle Kane

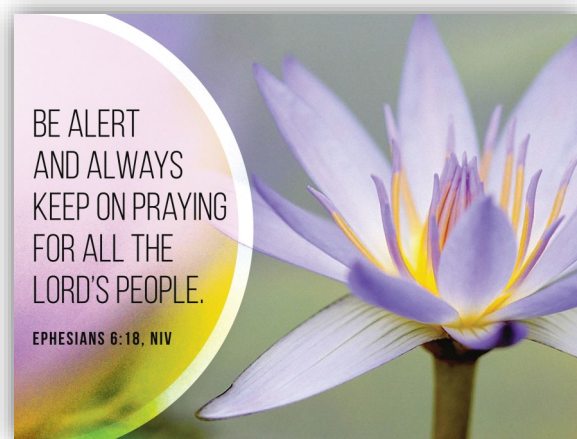
Celebrating Anniversaries: 8/04—Bobby & Stephanie Hicks; 8/06—Alan & Rhonda Grammer, Joe &
Sheila Page

The Simplest Prayer—An eccentric blind man nicknamed Joybubbles reportedly loved Mr. Rogers so
much he listened to 10 hours of the TV show daily until he'd heard them all. One night, when Joybubbles
was in a kind of awake dream state, he said Mr. Rogers visited him and offered to teach him how to pray.

Joybubbles protested that he couldn't pray because he always forgot the words. To which Mr. Rogers said
not to worry; the prayer he'd teach had only three words. "What kind of prayer has only three words?"
Joybubbles asked.

"Thank you, God," Mr. Rogers replied.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



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