



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street
Edwardsville, Illinois

July 3, 2022

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

Lisa Allen

L: In the midst of our troubles, we cry aloud to God.

C: God always hears our cries and responds to our needs.

L: God brings us up out of our trouble and sets us a safe place.

C: God comforts and restores our souls.

L: The Lord has turned our mourning into dancing!

C: We have been clothed with joy and hope! AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lisa Allen

Welcome

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Song—*Build Your Kingdom Here*

Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer, BethAnne Havis

Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Seasons*

Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer

Scripture Reading—2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 NRSVUE

Lisa Allen

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰ He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

Message—"Passing the Mantle"

Pastor David Roderick

Hymn—*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick

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Preparation for Worship: King of the nations, thank you for the freedoms we enjoy. Empower us to work for basic freedoms for all people worldwide. Amen.

Welcome to worship in Jesus' name. As we pray today that God bless America, may the whole world know God's goodness and live in peace and love.

All Aboard for VBS! Mark your calendars now for Rocky Railroad, IUMC's 2022 Vacation Bible School, July 25 through July 29 for children between the ages of 4 and 5th grade. VBS will take place each evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m., with an optional dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. We need lots of volunteers to make VBS a success, so please sign up to help on the sheet in the Hospitality Room.

We're also asking for supplies that we will need to decorate our space - large brown paper grocery bags; large appliance (only) boxes; and any old Christmas trees or Christmas lights you no longer need. Please bring these to one of the children's Sunday School classrooms.

Invite all the kids you know to come to our VBS this summer! You can register your children by following this link: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/iumconmain> or by visiting our website and clicking on VBS Registration.

The Board of Trustees have some big projects coming up that they would like to complete this summer. Our front doors will be removed and refinished at a shop in Belleville. The Trustees also need to install an entry ramp to the Rainbow House to meet the ADA requirements and seal our parking lot. Donations to the Property Improvement Fund are urgently needed and appreciated. Make a notation on your check if you have a preference of which project you would like to help fund.

Volunteers are still needed to sign up to help with our table at Goshen Market this Saturday. Both shifts need a few more volunteers. Sign up online by following this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A9AA29A2FA7-goshen>

Celebrating Birthdays this week: Tuesday, July 5—Rick Acuncius; Thursday, July 7—Logan Fowler; Saturday, July 9—Michael Spengler

Celebrating Anniversaries this week: Monday, July 4—Rick & Sheila Acuncius; Wednesday, July 6—Sid & June Helle; Thursday, July 7—Alan & Terry Rhodes; Friday, July 8—Jesse & Lisa Allen



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

- + Ginger Little and son Chad, friends of the Grammer family. Chad is in critical condition following an accident
Navider, the husband of one of Wanda Marth's friends, who had aortic valves replaced on Wednesday
Trevor and Hannah Page at the birth of their baby, Parker, born Tuesday afternoon—all are doing well!
- ++ Amber Larson & Family as they grieve the loss of Amber's mom, Carole
Dave Kriege for strength and healing
Pam Newman, comfort and a speedy recovery following knee replacement
- +++ Rebekah Carter and family as they mourn the death of her dad, Dave Lammer
- ++++ Rev. Dr. John "Doc" Shear, treatment for stage 4 esophagus cancer
Emily McVicker, friend of Sheila page, as she battles breast cancer
Jeff and Alicia Gehring, neighbors of Missy Carter, at the passing of Jeff's mom

Today's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: Lisa Allen
Greeters: Noah Lewis, Jill Winte
Soundboard: Matt Lewis
Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis
Tech Coordinator: Dustin Franke

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: Betty Gengler
Greeters: Gary & Sharon Koenig
Soundboard: Christal Akers-Helle
Worship Screens: Tami & Leah Masinelli
Tech Coordinator: Teresa Akers-Helle

Elijah
ascended
in a
whirlwind
into
heaven.

2 Kings 2:11, NRSV



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