



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street
Edwardsville, Illinois

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Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Betty Gengler

Call to Worship

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L: We are surrounded by Moses and Miriam, by David and Deborah, by faithful leaders who taught their people to walk with God.

C: We are surrounded...

L: By prophets and priests, by Kings and Queens, by rich and poor, and by unnamed martyrs who were not ashamed to declare the gospel of Jesus Christ.

C: We are surrounded...

L: By the famous and the forgotten, by the learned and the unlearned, and by millions who found meaning in following the Resurrected Jesus.

C: We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. Today we take our place among them and dare to love others as Christ loves us. Amen.

Hymn—*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Liz Ahrens, Charlie Brockus
(Lyrics begin on page 3)

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11:29—12:2 NRSVUE

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²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Song—*Blessings*

Liz Ahrens, Charlie Brockus

Message

Pastor Sarah Dierker

Hymn—*In the Garden*

Liz Ahrens, Charlie Brockus

Benediction

Pastor Sarah Dierker

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Preparation for Worship: Thank you, God, for the “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1, NIV) who have gone before us in faith. Empower us, in turn, to share our faith with others.

Welcome to worship! Here may you find rest for your souls, challenge and comfort alike, and inspiration to share Christ’s love as you go forth in faith.

Goshen Market—Immanuel will have a booth at Goshen Market this Saturday, August 20. This booth will represent the Rainbow House Ministries. You can sign up to help at this event by following this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A9AA29A2FA7-goshen1>

Two shifts are available —7 am—9:45 am or 9:45 am—12:30 pm.

Kid’s Night Out Resumes—Saturday, September 17! Kids age 4 through those in 5th grade are invited to Immanuel from 5:00—8:00 pm for a fun-filled evening that will include dinner, games, crafts and a movie. There is no cost to attend. Kid’s Night Out meets monthly throughout the school year. You may sign your children up (friends are also welcome) on the sign-up sheet in the Hospitality Room. Adult helpers are also needed—please be sure to complete the training required below.

Mandated Requirements for Volunteers Working with Children

- The State of Illinois requires anyone who cares for children in either a paid or volunteer role in schools, medical facilities, and in churches to complete a free DCFS training which can be found here: <https://mr.dcfstraining.org>. All staff and volunteers working with children in our church must complete the free online training from DCFS within 3 months of beginning their work with children. There is NO EXCEPTION for those who serve infrequently or at the last minute.
- Safe Gatherings is training that all Immanuel volunteers need to go through. It takes a couple of hours, but has great information. It is designed to keep our volunteers and those who come to our church safe. It is free for all volunteers. The link is safegatherings.com. When you get to the main page, click on the Start Application link. The information you will need includes: Language; Organization type—Church of faith-based organization; Denomination—Methodist; Country—United States; State—Illinois; Organization Name—Immanuel UMC Edwardsville. You will then need to register and start the training. Talk to David if you run into any issues.

Bibles For 3rd Graders—Immanuel has a tradition of gifting children who are entering 3rd grade with an engraved Bible. If your child will be entering 3rd grade, please notify the office. We will be ordering the Bibles in the next week or two.

Celebrating Birthdays this Week are Destiny Schoettle (Sunday, August 14) and Tami Roderick (Friday, August 19).

Celebrating Anniversaries on Friday, August 19 are Andre & Renee Doss, and Mark & Jill Winte.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

Come, thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Blessings

Laura Story

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
All the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause 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
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

'Cause 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
This is not, this is not our home
Not our home

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

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles, Charles H. Webb

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

Refrain:

And He walks with me and He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing

Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me befalling
But He bids me go Thru the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling

Refrain

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 14	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship
Monday, August 15	10:00 am 7:15 pm	Final S. A. K. Distribution AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 16	12:00 pm	Bridge Club in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, August 17	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bridge Club in Fellowship Hall Rainbow House Adult Group
Saturday, August 20	7 am-Noon	Goshen Market Booth Representing the Rainbow House Ministry 2 Shifts: 7:00—9:45 am 9:45 am—12:30 pm
Sunday, August 21	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

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

- + Rev. Dr. John "Doc" Shear, who is being treated for esophagus cancer
- ++ Lisa Allen recovering from elective surgery
Dave Kriege has been moved to the Skilled Nursing Center at Eden. His new address is 400 South Station Road, Room 410, Glen Carbon, IL 62034. His new phone number is 618-205-4444.
- +++ 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

Today's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: Betty Gengler
Greeter: Noah Lewis, Jill Winte
Soundboard: Matt Lewis
Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis
Tech Coordinator: Dustin Franke
Livestream Coordinator: Jerry Williams

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: TBD
Greeters: Tom & Penny May
Soundboard: Brandy Page
Worship Screens: Sheila Page
Tech Coordinator: Teresa Akers-Helle
Livestream Coordinator: Jerry Williams

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Today's Guest Pastor: Rev. Sarah Dierker, Chaplain at Alton Memorial Hospital