



## *Immanuel United Methodist Church*

800 North Main Street  
Edwardsville, Illinois

August 28, 2022

### **Ringing of the Bell**

### **Opening Prayer**

Pastor Sarah Dierker

### **Affirmation of Faith**

UM Hymnal #883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make us new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

### **Song—*Way Maker***

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

### **Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 2:4-13 NRSVUE**

Pastor Sarah Dierker

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me  
and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

<sup>6</sup> They did not say, "Where is the LORD,  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?"

<sup>7</sup> I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.  
But when you entered you defiled my land  
and made my heritage an abomination.  
<sup>8</sup> The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"  
Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal  
and went after things that do not profit.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore once more I accuse you,  
says the LORD,  
and I accuse your children's children.  
<sup>10</sup> Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look;  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.  
<sup>11</sup> Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?  
But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.  
<sup>12</sup> Be appalled, O heavens, at this;  
be shocked; be utterly desolate,  
says the LORD,  
<sup>13</sup> for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

## Scripture Response

Sarah Dierker

L: The Lord said, "I have given to you the finest of all that I created. But you turned your back on me. You did not listen and chose the lesser way."

**C: Hear our cries, O Lord.**

L: In Egypt you have languished, but I have sent to you one who will bring you home, who will lead you out of slavery into hope.

**C: Hear our cries, O Lord.**

L: You could not wait and learn the important lessons of trust, hope, compassion, and community. You created for yourselves false idols and then wondered why things didn't get any better for you.

**C: Hear our cries, O Lord.**

L: You turned away once more, even though I continued to seek you out. You have become a stubborn people.

**C: Hear our cries, O Lord.**

L: In the fullness of time I sent you my most precious gift, my Son, who came that you might learn how to live in peace, but we still struggle to listen.

**C: Hear our cries, O Lord.**

L: Do not wait! This is the time. Come as ones who understand love, who are willing to put others first; Come to me and I will welcome you with open arms. Come to me humbly and share in the peace which is given for you. Come to me.

**C: Lord, forgive us. Help us to serve you in all that we do, with the joy of sharing that others might know your love and peace. Amen.**

**Prayer**

Pastor David Roderick

**Song—***Hallowed*

Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer

**Message—**"Atrophy and Entropy"

Pastor David Roderick

**Hymn—***Here I Am, Lord*

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Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer

**Prayer of Thanks**

Pastor David Roderick

**Benediction**

Pastor David Roderick

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**Preparation for Worship:** May everyone gathered for worship today know that, as siblings of Jesus, they too are God's beloved.

**Welcome** to our church! We may not be extraordinary people, but we are proud of the company we keep: the company of prophets like Jeremiah and Ezekiel, the company of apostles like Peter and Paul. Above all, we celebrate our most faithful companion, Jesus of Nazareth, who claims us by His redemptive power.

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### Lyrics

#### **Way Maker**

Osinachi Okoro Egbu

You are here, moving in our midst  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, working in this place  
I worship You, I worship You

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are

You are here, touching every heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, healing every life  
I worship You, I worship You

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are

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That is who You are  
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*Continued...*

Even when I don't see it, You're working  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
You never stop, You never stop working

Even when I don't see it, You're working  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
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### **Hallowed**

Jennifer Knapp

Our Father,  
Which art in Heaven  
Hallowed by thy name  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
Hallowed, Hallowed

Done on the earth as it is in heaven,  
Hallowed by thy name  
Give us this our daily bread  
Hallowed, Hallowed

Lead us not into temptation's lair  
Deliver us from the evil snare  
For thine is the kingdom,  
Power and glory, Forever and ever, Amen

Hallowed, Hallowed

### **Here I Am, Lord**

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

**Sistahs to Meet**—We will meet this Thursday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. We will start with our book discussion on Richard Rohr's book Hope Against Darkness (available at the library or through Abe books affordably). Potluck at 6:30. We are collecting for African Vision of Hope-eye drops (Clear Eyes or Artificial Tears), children and adult over the counter pain relief, Tums and Gas X. Please spread the word.

**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. Cost is free!! Kid's Night Out meets monthly throughout the school year. You may sign your children and their friends up on the sign-up sheet in the Hospitality Room. Adult helpers are also needed—*please be sure to complete required training*. Sheets with training information can be picked up near the sign-up sheet in the Hospitality Room.

**Immanuel UMC - Church Picnic - September 18!** We are preparing for the Immanuel United Methodist Church Picnic that will take place after church services on Sunday, September 18th. Mark your calendar to spend the afternoon with us and connect or reconnect with our congregation! The event is designed to provide Fellowship, Fun, and Food, and we'd love to have your help. We are looking for a few people to help bring this event to life! If you are interested, please e-mail [carrie.vannest@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.vannest@gmail.com).

**Operation Christmas Child**—National collection week is November 14—21. That gives us 11 Sundays to get shoeboxes prepared to travel to children who have not heard about the love of God, or even gotten a gift before. A tote is in the Hospitality Room to place items to make into shoeboxes. School supplies, personal hygiene products, arts and crafts, stuffed animals (small!), dolls, balls — so many things that children will be thrilled to receive. While you are shopping, please pray for the children who will be receiving your gifts.

**Looking Ahead ...** This Fall we are looking forward to Sunday School classes resuming. In addition to our kids programming, we will also be offering Adult Bible studies on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. We are planning an all church picnic for September to help kick off our new opportunities. Immanuel will continue to be present in our community as well, participating in The Land of Goshen Market, Parkfest and Unity Edwardsville.

### **This Week's Calendar**

|                       |          |                                |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday, August 28     | 10:00 am | In-Person & Livestream Worship |
| Monday, August 29     | 7:15 pm  | AA in Fellowship Hall          |
| Wednesday, August 31  | 12:00 pm | Bridge Club in Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday, September 1 | 6:00 pm  | Sistahs                        |
| Sunday, September 4   | 10:00 am | In-Person & Livestream Worship |

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

- + Dave Kriege is in ICU at Anderson
- ++ Dave Stoeckel, father of Christal and Carrie, strength and healing  
Several close friends of the Koenigs dealing with family health issues, decisions to make with family and recuperating from surgery
- +++ Teresa Akers-Helle recovering from carpal tunnel surgery  
Dale Fellhauer recovering from hip replacement surgery  
Erika, friend of the Helle family, recovering from surgery to remove some cancer
- ++++ Rev. Dr. John "Doc" Shear, who is being treated for esophagus cancer

**Today's Worship Assistants:**

Worship Leader: Sarah Dierker  
Greeter: Emily Spitze  
Soundboard: Christal Akers-Helle  
Worship Screens: Tami & Leah Masinelli  
Tech Coordinator: Bob Ahrens  
Livestream Coordinator: Jerry Williams

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:**

Worship Leader: Lisa Allen  
Greeters: Gary/Sharon Koenig  
Soundboard: Christal Akers-Helle  
Worship Screens: Tami/Leah Masinelli  
Tech Coordinator: Bob Ahrens  
Livestream Coordinator: Jerry Williams

I brought you  
into a plentiful  
land to enjoy  
its fruits and  
its good things.  
jeremiah 2:7, esv



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