

Immanuel United Methodist Church

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Order of Worship

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Opening Prayer

Pastor Sarah Dierker

Call to Worship

Pastor Sarah Dierker

L: Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love.

C: The Lord is our strength and our power!

L: Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!

C: The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.

L: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

C: Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day. AMEN.

Community Song—*This Is Amazing Grace*

Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan
Lyrics begin on page 4

Scripture—Romans 12:9-21 ^{NRSVUE}

Pastor Sarah Dierker

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Prayer

Pastor Sarah Dierker

Prayer Song—*How Great Is Our God*

Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

Today's Message— "Holding Fast"

Rev. Dr. Beverly Wilkes-Null

Hymn— *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

UM Hymnal #526
Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick
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Preparation for Worship—Jesus, help us see you in the face of anyone we meet who is in need today, and to serve as we are able.

Welcome! St. Paul wrote: "Let love be genuine; ... hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection" (Romans 12:9-10, NRSV). In that spirit, we welcome everyone to Immanuel today.

LeClaire Park Fest will be held on October 15 this year at LeClaire Park. This is a great opportunity for Immanuel to be in the community and representing our congregation. If you would like to help this year, please sign up at the link below. We are looking for volunteers to set up at 9:00 am (you can come to worship after that). We are also looking for 2 shifts of workers, 11-2 and 2-5. This is always a fun event and a great time to meet new people. To volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A9AA29A2FA7-leclaire2#/>

PFLAG Edwardsville thanks you for your support of the very successful fundraiser at MOD Pizza last Sunday.

Tower Grove Pride—Being a booth host at Tower Grove Pride is a really fun way to spend time with other reconciling Methodists and meet new people out in the world (and their puppy dogs). If you would like to represent Immanuel and other like minded Methodist churches, please sign up at the following link. This event will be held this coming weekend, September 22—24. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to David Roderick. Here's the link: <https://signup.com/go/sbUuAXG>

Get-to-Know-You Reception ... Join us today at an Open House from 2 to 4 pm to meet our new DS, Bradley Watkins. The Rev. Bradley Watkins II, was appointed Superintendent to IGRC's newly created Central District, which includes the former Mississippi River and Sangamon Rivers districts. Watkins has been the Sangamon River District superintendent since 2020. A Peoria native and graduate of Wiley College, Reverend Watkins has spent his life trying to build bridges across theological, cultural and ecumenical communities and is excited to meet you! The reception will be held at O'Fallon First UMC, Family Life Center, 504 E. Highway 50 in O'Fallon.

Opportunities to Serve

—If you receive a phone call soon asking you to consider serving in a leadership position at Immanuel in 2024, you are encouraged to give this prayerful consideration.

—We are looking for one or two volunteers to run the soundboard during worship times each Sunday. Speak to Bob Ahrens (found in the balcony) if you would like more information.

Updated Church Directories are available at Immanuel for you to pick up. If you find an error or omission, please call the church office so we can correct it. Thank you!



This morning we welcome guest speaker Rev. Dr. Beverly L. Wilkes-Null. Rev. Wilkes-Null became University Chaplain at McKendree University on July 1, 2021, after serving in the local parish for many years and serving as a District Superintendent for seven years. Rev. Bev, as she is affectionately known by the McKendree community, enjoys being in ministry with people from many different life spectrums. She attributes her love for ecumenism to her faith experience within the United Methodist Church as well as her academic experience first at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo where she received her Master of Divinity and then at United Theological Seminary where she received her Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis in Church and Society.

Rev. Bev is currently a member of the Illinois Great Rivers General Conference Delegation, and she is the current Chair of the North Central Jurisdiction Committee/Court of Appeals. Rev. Bev was also a member of the inaugural Connectional Table of The United Methodist Church for its first eight years.

Her hobbies include golfing with her spouse James, and daughter Hannah who is a student at McKendree University. She also enjoys traveling across America with family and friends and encountering people from around the world. It is with great humbleness of heart that Rev. Bev has accepted our invitation to serve as our speaker today.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 9/18—Owen Hicks, Tayla Spitze; 9/19—Joanie Green, Nick Schwalb, Todd Spitze; 9/20—Shirley Firsching; 9/21—Drew Masinelli, Patrick McKeever, William Tebbe

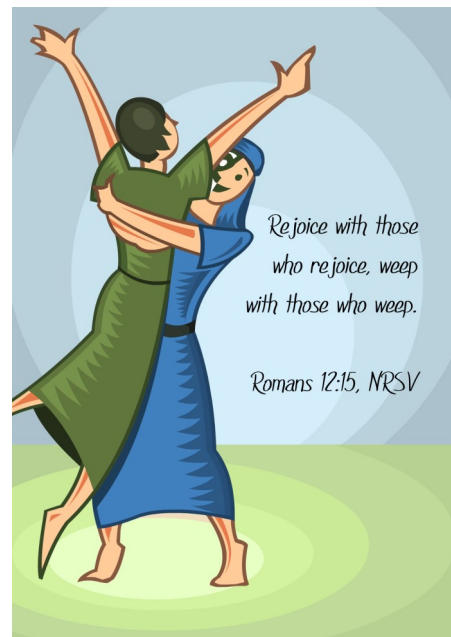
Our Online Calendar can be accessed at any time by visiting this site: <https://73818207.view-events.com>. Every effort is made to keep this calendar up-to-date.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: Sarah Dierker
Greeter: Emily Spitze
Soundboard: Jim Van Nest
Worship Screens: Carrie Van Nest

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: Eloise Allen
Greeters: Tom & Penny May
Soundboard: Matt Lewis
Worship Screens: Sheila Page



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

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That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Jesse Reeves

The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in Light,
and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great
How great is our God!

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead, Three in One
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great
How great is our God!

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great
How great is our God!

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph M Scriven, Charles C. Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In his arms he'll take and shield thee
Thou will find a solace there

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, September 17	10:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	In-Person & Livestream Worship Children's Sunday School Rainbow House Youth Group
Monday, September 18	7:15 pm	AA in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 20	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bridge Club Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, September 21	6:00 pm	Beginner/Intermediate Yoga Class
Friday, September 22	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Restorative Yoga Bridge Club in Journey's Inn Room
Saturday, September 23 First Day of Autumn	8:00 am	Rise & Shine Yoga
Sunday, September 24	10:00 am 10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Children's Sunday School

Prayer/Praise Ministry (+ indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

- + Jerry Prott, Sr., for strength and healing
Lisa, co-worker of Paige Brase, who was injured at work
- +++ Joy—Gary Koenig is home and feeling well
Dale Wilhaber, for strength and healing during cancer treatment
- ++++ Sharon Stoeckel, mother of Christal Akers-Helle and Carrie Van Nest, whose sister, Debra Waters, died unexpectedly