



Immanuel United Methodist Church

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Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Call to Worship

Eloise Allen

L: Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

C: **Lord, come into our hearts this day.**

L: Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

C: **Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.**

L: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

C: **Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives. AMEN.**

Opening Prayer

Eloise Allen

Community Song—*Here I Am to Worship*

Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan
Lyrics Found on page 3

Scripture—Philippians 1:21-30 ^{NRSVUE}

Eloise Allen

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Prayer Song—*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

Today's Message— "Moving On Up"

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Open My Eyes That I May See*

Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick
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Preparation for Worship—You draw us away from our busy routines to rest with you here awhile. Then you lead us back among your people, to serve with compassion. May we follow you in both directions.

Welcome! Friends, we have gathered to worship our loving Creator. We present ourselves as members of God's family. Everyone present should know that we welcome you to this time of spiritual renewal.

World Communion Sunday Special Offering—Next Sunday, October 1, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday, one of the six special offering Sundays of the United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday is an annual opportunity for United Methodists to call attention to the unity of all Christians at the table of the Lord, and to raise funds to support United Methodist students in the US and around the world.

Friday Food & Fellowship—Lunch will be served this coming Friday, September 29 from 11 am until 1:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. There is no set cost for this meal, but donations are accepted. All are welcome!

Opportunities to Serve—Our nominating committee will meet this week to discuss 2024 leadership at Immanuel. If you receive a phone call asking you to consider serving in one of these positions, you are encouraged to give this prayerful consideration.

Updated Church Directories may be picked up this morning from the Entryway or Hospitality Room. You are asked to pick one up and check to see if your information is correct (or omitted) — if it is not correct, or if you have been omitted, please contact the church office! More directories will be printed after we are reasonably sure that everything is correct and that everyone has been included. Thanks for your help!

Pride Events—Need Volunteers...

Unity Fest—September 30, 11am - 4 pm—Unity Edwardsville will be hosting its second annual Unity Fest at LeClaire Park. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to David.

Metro-East Pride—September 30, 12:00 to 9:00 pm. The event is held on Main Street in Belleville and we will have a booth there to hand out information about our church and Rainbow House. Like many of our events, the key to this one is just being present and showing people they are loved. Speak to Caleb Kelahan to sign up.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 9/24—Gage Wagner; 9/25—Eddie Wentz Jr., 9/28—Dustin Franke, Sarah Pierce

Celebrating Their Anniversary: 9/26—Jerry & Sharon Prott

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

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: Lisa Allen
Greeters: Gary & Sharon Koenig
Soundboard: Christal Akers-Helle
Worship Screens: Tami & Leah Masinelli

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes
Let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that
You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that
You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Walford, William B. Bradbury

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By Thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for Thy return
With such I hasten to the place
Where God my Savior shows His face
And gladly take my station there
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness engage
The waiting soul to bless
And since He bids me seek His face
Believe His word, and trust His grace
I'll cast on Him my every care
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Open My Eyes That I May See

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Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready my God Thy will to see.
Open my eyes. Illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God Thy will to see.
Open my ears, Illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready my God Thy will to see
Open my heart. Illumine me, Spirit divine!

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, September 24	10:00 am 10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Children's Sunday School
Monday, September 25	10:30 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Head Start in Fellowship Hall until 11:30 am Head Start in Fellowship Hall until 6:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting—Journey's Inn Room AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, September 26	6:30 pm	Finance Committee
Wednesday, September 27	12:00 pm	Bridge Club
Thursday, September 28	6:00 pm	Beginner/Intermediate Yoga Class
Friday, September 29	11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Friday Food & Fellowship until 1:30 pm Restorative Yoga Bridge Club in Journey's Inn Room
Saturday, September 30	8:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Rise & Shine Yoga Unity Fest begins Metro-East Pride Day
Sunday, October 1 <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	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)

- + Family of Jennie Lynn Totten who passed away on September 8
Starla, dear friend of Amy Sedor who has glioblastoma
- ++ 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

October Newsletter—Work has begun on the next issue of our newsletter. If you have news to share or something for the calendar please get it to the office asap. A lot of good things go on around Immanuel everyday—if you know of something to include in our new *Did You Know* section, please send that too!

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