



Encourage  
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and build up  
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I Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

## Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

November 12, 2023

### Order of Worship

#### Ringling of the Bell

#### Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

#### Opening Prayer

David Norris

#### Call to Worship

David Norris

L: Today God's Word will be spoken to your hearts.

**C: Open our ears, to receive God's Word.**

L: Today God's creation will be visible all around you.

**C: Open our eyes to take in the beauty of your creation.**

L: Today God's love will be poured into your life.

**C: Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your love.**

L: Hallelujah!

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#### Community Hymn—*Open My Eyes, that I May See*

UM Hymnal #454  
Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan  
*Lyrics Begin on Page 4*

#### Scripture—I Thessalonians 5:1-13 <sup>NRSVUE</sup>

David Norris

**5** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup> for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup> So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, <sup>7</sup> for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

#### Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

**Song**—*Reckless Love*

Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

**Today's Message**— "The Day of the Lord"

Pastor David Roderick

**Hymn**—*Come Thou Fount*

Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

**Prayer of Thanks**

Pastor David Roderick

**Benediction**

Pastor David Roderick  
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**Preparation for Worship**—Jesus, open our hearts to receive your Word this day, and then to live it out in the days ahead. Amen.

**Welcome!** Children of light, we live in trust and joy, for God has destined us not for wrath but for salvation. Welcome!  
*(Based on 1 Thessalonians 5:5, 9)*

**Immanuel's Charge Conference** will be held this afternoon, beginning at 2:00 pm at Belleville Union UMC, 721 East Main Street in Belleville. All are welcome to attend, and lay leaders and church officers are highly encouraged to attend. This will be the first Charge Conference since the Illinois Great Rivers Conference has been combined from ten districts to five. Our district is now called the Central District (former Mississippi/Sangamon Districts).

**Friday Food & Fellowship** will be served this coming Friday, November 17 from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. There is no set price for these meals—donations are accepted but not required. Come for the food, and stay for the fellowship. All are welcome!

**Operation Christmas Child**—Thank you to everyone who packed a shoebox, purchased items to be included in shoeboxes this Christmas or made a monetary donation. Immanuel will be sending 37 shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse for transport somewhere on our planet. It will be fun to see who receives our boxes this year!

**Do You Enjoy Singing?** Caleb will be organizing a choir to help provide music throughout advent. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office. You could also talk to Caleb or David to find out more information. This is open to everyone who likes to sing and will be a great opportunity to share in worship throughout advent.

**Christmas Time** is coming all too soon for all of us. Church is no exception for Christmas decorations and preparations for the birth of Christ. There are only a few Sunday's left before Christmas. During the last week of November the decorating will happen—the tree will be placed in the sanctuary on the 28th and decorating will be on Wednesday, November 29th. A few garlands will be hung on the archways and around the altar area. Candles will be placed on a few pews and the Advent candles will be placed in the front of the church. Please come and help if you have time on Wednesday, November 29 around 9:30 am so all things are ready for the 1st Sunday of Advent on December 3. Contact Sharon Koenig 972-5679 with questions or see you at church on the 29th.

**Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** 11/12—Caroline Newman, Kari Roniger; 11/13— David Brown; 11/15—Dennis Fellhauer; 11/17—Glenn Taylor

**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.

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

- + Sherry Buhrmester, for strength and healing  
Brandy Page, health concerns  
Martie Web, grandmother of Hannah Page, health concerns  
Praise for God's protection of Ivy Hallquist during an altercation  
Jerry Prott Sr., health issues
  
- ++ Bill Brase, father of Paige, will be getting a pacemaker  
Megan Brase, Niece of Paige, & Fiancé Patrick on their upcoming wedding
  
- ++++ Ed & Darilyn Johnson (friends of Sid & June Helle) both have serious health issues  
Erika Bailey for her continued cancer battle, and who currently has an infection in her spine and brain

## Calendar for the Week

Sunday, November 12	10:00 am 10:00 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	In-Person & Livestream Worship Children's Sunday School Charge Conference Final Fall Bible Study at Rainbow House
Monday, November 13	7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Rainbow House Young Adults AA in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 15	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bridge Club Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, November 16	6:00 pm	Beginner/Intermediate Yoga Class
Friday, November 17	11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Friday Food & Fellowship served until 1:30 pm Restorative Yoga Bridge Club in Journey's Inn Room
Saturday, November 18	8:00 am	Rise & Shine Yoga
Sunday, November 19	10:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	In-Person & Livestream Worship Children's Sunday School Rainbow House Youth Group

### Today's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: David Norris  
Greeter: Emily Spitze  
Soundboard: Jim Van Nest  
Worship Screens: Carrie Van Nest

### Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: David Norris  
Greeters: Tom & Penny May  
Soundboard: Christal Akers-Helle  
Worship Screens: Tami/Leah Masinelli

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## **Open My Eyes, That I May See**

Clara H. Scott

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

## **Reckless Love**

Cory Asbury, Caleb Culver and Ran Jackson

Before I spoke a word  
You were singing over me  
You have been so, so good to me

Before I took a breath  
You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so, so kind to me

Oh the overwhelming, never-ending  
Reckless love of God  
Oh it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it  
I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
Oh the overwhelming, never-ending  
Reckless love of God

When I was Your foe  
Still Your love fought for me  
You have been so, so good to me

When I felt no worth  
You paid it all for me  
You have been so, so kind to me

Oh the overwhelming, never-ending  
Reckless love of God  
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Leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it  
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Still You give Yourself away  
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Reckless love of God

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
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## **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Robert Robinson, Wyeth

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 mine 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

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## **Thanksgiving Humor**

Need to lighten the mood at your holiday dinner table? Share some laughter with these Thanksgiving-themed jokes.

Why did the turkey decline dessert?  
Because it was stuffed.

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?  
To prove he wasn't a chicken.

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?  
Your nose.

Why didn't the chef season the turkey?  
There wasn't enough thyme.

Why did the turkey leave the band?  
People were fighting over the drumsticks.

