



## Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois  
62025

January 14, 2024

The LORD your  
God will raise up  
for you a prophet ...  
you shall heed such  
a prophet.

Deuteronomy 18:15, NRSV

### Order of Worship

#### Ringling of the Bell

#### Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

#### Prelude

Jennifer Moore

#### Opening Prayer

David Norris

#### Song—*Spirit of the Living God*

Caleb Kelahan, Jennifer Moore  
*Lyrics Begin on Page 5*

#### Call to Worship

David Norris

L: Praise God, who made each of us, and all of us.

**C: Praise God! We are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

L: The Holy One knows each of us—actions and thoughts.

**C: The Creator wraps us in tender care.**

L: So we rejoice! Waking or sleeping, we know God is with us.

**C: Let's honor this One as we share this time of worship!**

#### Hymn—*Come, Christians Join to Sing*

Caleb Kelahan, Jennifer Moore

#### Affirmation of Faith—The World Methodist Social Affirmation

David Norris

L: We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people, and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again, and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen and comfort.

**C: We believe. God, help our unbelief.**

L: We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**C: Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.**

L: We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy**

L: We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

**C: Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor David Roderick

**Song—***Lord, I Need You*

Caleb Kelahan, Jennifer Moore

**Scripture Reading—**Deuteronomy 18:15-20 <sup>NRSVUE</sup>

David Norris

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me, ‘They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’

**Today’s Message—**“Who Speaks for God?”

Pastor David Roderick

**Song—***How Great Is Our God*

Caleb Kelahan, Jennifer Moore

**Prayer of Thanks**

Pastor David Roderick

**Benediction**

Pastor David Roderick  
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**Preparation for Worship—**Tomorrow is MLK Day in the United States, Lord. As I worship today, help me see specific ways in which you call me to better serve and love others.

**Welcome** as we thank and worship God for his wonderful works and listen for his word to us today.

**Friday Food & Fellowship—**This coming Friday, January 19, lunch will be served from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm, and will be provided by Mt. Joy Baptist Church. Menu will be chicken salad sandwiches, vegetable soup and desserts. There is no set price for this meal—donations will be accepted as you are able. All are welcome!

**The Board of Trustees** will meet this Tuesday, January 16 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Journey’s In Room. This meeting was rescheduled due to inclement weather this past week.

**2023 Contribution Statements** are available. They can be sent electronically or by the US Postal system. Please contact the church office if you would like to receive your statement, and tell us how you would like for it to be delivered.

**2024 Contributions—**Please contact the church office to receive offering envelopes to use in 2024. Please be sure to mark your check or pew envelope with your name and let us know how your offering is to be directed.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**—As the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., approaches, many cities and many churches will recall the courage and challenge of the civil rights leader who suffered and died for his beliefs. When he confronted those who dealt out injustice, he and his followers were stopped, jailed, sometimes beaten, ridiculed and threatened. They were called rabble-rousers, Communists, disturbers of the peace and worse. Many people stood by and did nothing. It is no wonder that Dr. King said, “In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.” Whatever else we remember about Dr. King, we should recall that he chose not to remain silent in the face of injustice. When anyone is treated without respect, without fair play, without kindness or Christian love, we must not remain mute. We should follow the suggestion of Dr. King: “With our faith, we will transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.”

**On Hatred, On Love**—Martin Luther King Jr., was born on January 15, 1929. Given the rancor rampant in today’s world, it’s fitting to recall King’s words: “Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illumines it.”

**Celebrating a Birthday This Week:** 1/16—Jim Kelahan

**Our Online Calendar** can be accessed at any time by following this link: <https://73818207.view-events.com>.

<b>Calendar for the Week</b>		
Sunday, January 14	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship
	11:00 am	No Children’s Sunday School Sunday School Meeting
Monday, January 15		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	7:00 pm	Rainbow House Young Adult Group
	7:15 pm	AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 16	6:00 pm	Board of Trustees
Wednesday, January 17	12:00 pm	Bridge Club
	7:00 pm	Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, January 18	6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting in Journey’s Inn Room
	7:30 pm	Salsa Dance Class in Fellowship Hall
Friday, December 19	11:00 am	Friday Food & Fellowship served until 1:30 pm
	6:00 pm	Bridge Club in Journey’s Inn Room
Sunday, January 14	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship
	4:00 pm	Rainbow House Youth

**Today’s Worship Assistants:**

Worship Leader: David Norris  
Greeter: Emily Spitze  
Soundboard: Christal Akers-Helle  
Worship Screens: Carrie Van Nest

**Next Week’s Worship Assistants:**

Worship Leader: Lisa Allen  
Greeters: Tom & Penny May  
Soundboard: Dustin Franke  
Worship Screens: Sheila Page

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

- + Shellie Franke, for strength and healing  
Callista Heuter, granddaughter of Mike & Ruth Portell, for healing from burns on her back and arms  
Peggy Holdener, mother of Cindy Taylor
  
- ++ Sherry Buhrmester, for strength and healing  
Jerry Prott Sr., health issues  
Susan McKean, mother of Sheila Page, learning to navigate diabetes
  
- ++++ Erika Bailey for her continued cancer battle

## **Immanuel's Welcoming Inclusion Statement**

As we recognize the value in each other, we recognize God. We embrace God's good gift of diversity and believe all persons are of sacred worth. Therefore, we welcome people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, social-economic background, family structure, and physical or mental ability into the full participation of this congregation. We are called by God to raise the level of hope for those who have been marginalized and singled out for exclusion, including our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Our passion for a wide welcome of all God's children moves us to participate in reconciling and justice ministries so that we might truly be open minds, open hearts, and open doors.



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**Spirit of the Living God**

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God  
 Fall afresh on me  
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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me  
 Spirit of the living God  
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**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

Christian H. Bateman

Come, Christians, join to sing  
 Alleluia! Amen!  
 Loud praise to Christ our King  
 Alleluia! Amen!  
 Let all, with heart and voice  
 Before his throne rejoice  
 Praise is his gracious choice  
 Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high  
 Alleluia! Amen!  
 Let praises fill the sky  
 Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend  
 To us He'll condescend  
 His love shall never end  
 Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again  
 Alleluia! Amen!  
 Life shall not end the strain  
 Alleluia! Amen!  
 On heaven's blissful shore  
 His goodness we'll adore  
 Singing forevermore  
 Alleluia! Amen!

**Lord, I Need You**

Christy Nockles, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves

Lord I come, I confess  
 Bowing here, I find my rest  
 Without You, I fall apart  
 You're the one, that guides my heart

Lord I need You, oh I need You  
 Every hour I need You  
 My one defense my righteousness  
 Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
 Where grace is found, is where You are  
 And where You are, Lord I am free  
 Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You, oh I need You  
 Every hour I need You  
 My one defense my righteousness  
 Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You  
 When temptation comes my way  
 When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
 Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You, oh I need You  
 Every hour I need You  
 My one defense my righteousness  
 Oh God how I need You

You're my one defense, my righteousness  
 Oh God, how I need You  
 My one defense my righteousness  
 Oh God how I need You

## How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash

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!  
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And all will see how great  
How great is our God!

Name above all names  
Worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing  
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