



## *Immanuel United Methodist Church*

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

February 18, 2024  
1st Sunday in Lent

### **Order of Worship**

#### **Ringing of the Bell**

#### **Welcome**

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Prelude**

Rhonda Grammer

#### **Opening Prayer**

David Norris

#### **Call to Worship**

David Norris

L: Welcome this day to the beginning of a journey.

**C: Where will this journey take us?**

L: It will take you to the Cross of Christ and beyond.

**C: How much time do we have to get ready?**

L: The time is now at hand for this journey.

**C: Help us to be ready for this, O Lord. AMEN.**

#### **Hymn—*O Worship the King***

Sophie Antonini, Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan  
Lyrics begin on Page 4

#### **Scripture—Genesis 9:8-17 <sup>NRSVUE</sup>**

David Norris

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup> God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Song—*Cornerstone***

Sophie Antonini, Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

**Today's Message**— "A Covenant of Love"

Pastor David Roderick

**Song**—*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Sophie Antonini, Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

**Lenten Reflection**

**Song**—*Death Was Arrested*

Sophie Antonini, Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

**Prayer of Thanks**

Pastor David Roderick

**Benediction**

Pastor David Roderick  
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**Preparation for Worship**—We are told that each Sunday is a mini-celebration of Easter and that Lent is a time to grow in faith, but I'm eager for the full joy of Easter Day! Walk with me, Jesus, as I strive to walk with you.

**Welcome to worship!** During the season of Lent, may we look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:2), and grow in love toward God and one another. Welcome to worship.

**Lenten Bible Study**—*The Historical Jesus* began meeting last Thursday. This study is based on the teachings of John Dominic Crossan that will focus on the history and culture of the Mediterranean from the 1st Century BCE to the time of Christ. If you have not yet signed up, please contact the church office or Pastor David so that you will receive the link to the resources for the class. There is a one-hour video lecture from Dr. Crossan that you will need to watch in advance of the class. We will then discuss the lectures together each Thursday evening beginning at 6:30 pm.

**Pi(e) Day** March 14, 2024. The United Women in Faith will be taking pie orders after church on February 25, March 3 and March 10, or you may phone Penny May, 618-655-0706. Pies available are apple, chocolate, coconut, custard, pecan, pumpkin, strawberry and Toll House. Pies can be picked up on Thursday, March 14 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm or you can make special arrangements with Penny. All donations are used to support missions for women and children. Many thanks to all who support us—through us God is doing great things!

**Friday Food & Fellowship**—The next luncheon will be served this coming Friday, February 23 from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. These lunches are open to the entire community and there is no set price for the meal. If you are able, a donation will be accepted. Come enjoy the food and fellowship.

**Young Adult Luncheon**—Our Young Adult group will meet after church next Sunday. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15 pm. Food will be provided.

**2023 Contribution Statements** are available. They can be sent electronically or by the US Postal system. Please contact the church office and let us know how you would like for it to be delivered. We greatly appreciate all of your donations!

**Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** 2/20—Pat Schott; 2/21—Petie Hunter; 2/22—Trevor Page; 2/23—Sheila Acuncius; 2/24—Marge May

**Our Online Calendar** can be accessed at any time by following this link:

<https://73818207.view-events.com>.

Dear Church Family,

The SPPRC would like to let you know that Anita Seehausen, our church secretary, will be retiring on Friday, March 22, 2024. Anita has been such an integral part of Immanuel United Methodist Church for the past 27 years. She has served our congregation in countless ways and has formed many treasured friendships within our church family. We will miss her greatly.

On Sunday, March 10, 2024 we will be honoring Anita with a retirement reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the church service. A love offering for Anita will be taken on February 25 and on March 3, to be given to her at the reception. Please designate your offering.

Please plan to attend the reception so that you may wish Anita well for her retirement. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
The SPPRC  
Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee

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**Today's Worship Assistants:**

Worship Leader: David Norris  
Greeters: Gary & Sharon Koenig  
Soundboard: Dustin Franke  
Worship Screens: Tami & Leah Masinelli

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:**

Worship Leader: Lisa Allen  
Greeters: Tom & Penny May  
Soundboard: Keith Housewright  
Worship Screens: Helen Housewright



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**Calendar for the Week**

Sunday, February 18	10:00 am 4:00 pm	In-Person & Livestream Worship Rainbow House Youth Group
Monday, February 19 <b>President's Day</b>	7:15 pm	Church Office Closed AA in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, February 21	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bridge Club in Journey's Inn Room Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, February 22	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Yoga in Fellowship Hall Lenten Study— <i>The Historical Jesus</i>
Friday, February 23	11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Friday Food & Fellowship until 1:30 pm Bridge Club in Journey's Inn Room Yoga Workshop until 8:00 pm
Saturday, February 24	8:00 am	Yoga in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, February 25	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

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

- + Gary Ramey, step-dad of Emily Spitze, who will begin chemo on February 27  
Laurie Frye on the passing of her father  
Erika Bailey for her continued cancer battle
- ++ For the family of Peggy Holdener, mother of Cindy Taylor, who passed away on January 31
- +++ For friends of Sherry Buhrmester  
Jerry Prott Sr., for strength and healing  
Prayers for comfort and strength for Larry Worthey and family as he has begun hospice care

### O Worship the King

Robert Grant, Johann Michael Haydn

O worship the King  
All glorious above  
O gratefully sing  
God's power and God's love  
Our Shield and Defender  
The Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor  
And girded with praise

O tell of God's might  
And sing of God's grace  
Whose robe is the light  
Whose canopy space  
Whose chariots of wrath  
The deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is God's path  
On the wings of the storm

Thy bountiful care  
What tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air  
It shines in the light  
It streams from the hills  
It descends to the plain  
And sweetly distills  
In the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust  
And feeble as frail  
In Thee do we trust  
Nor find Thee to fail  
Thy mercies how tender  
How firm to the end  
Our Maker, Defender  
Redeemer and Friend

### Cornerstone

Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

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### What Wondrous Love Is This

Paul J. Christiansen

What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down,  
Sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down;  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown  
For my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside  
His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the "Great I Am"  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing!

And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on!

### **Death Was Arrested**

Adam Kersh, Brandon Coker, Heath Balltzglier, etal

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free  
Washes over me  
You have made me new  
Now life begins with You

It's your endless love  
Pouring down on us  
You have made us new  
Now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He canceled my debt and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free  
Washes over me  
You have made me new  
Now life begins with You

It's your endless love  
Pouring down on us  
You have made us new  
Now life begins with You

Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free  
Washes over me  
You have made me new  
Now life begins with You

It's your endless love  
Pouring down on us  
You have made us new  
Now life begins with You

Oh, we're free, free  
Forever we're free  
Come join the song  
Of all the redeemed  
Yes, we're free, free  
Forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, we're free, free  
Forever we're free  
Come join the song  
Of all the redeemed  
Yes, we're free, free  
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