



IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  

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*transforming tradition*

*For forty days and nights the rain fell,  
and the waters covered the face of the earth.*

*For forty years the people wandered,  
seeking the land of God's promise.*

*Moses spent forty days on the mountain;  
Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness.*

*Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh:  
Repent, or in forty days you will perish.*

*Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days  
and was tested by the devil.*

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

# MORNING WORSHIP

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025

Ten O' Clock

### *Welcome!*

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday and continues to Easter Sunday. It is a time of reflection, prayer, and spiritual discipline. The order of worship this morning includes the music of Franz Schubert's *Mass in G*. Composed in March 1815 over a period of six days, it contains the six sections included in every Ordinary mass. Today's service features vocal soloists, a chamber orchestra, organ, and our Immanuel Chancel Choir.

John Komasa, *Music Director* Pasquale Laurino and Tom Bewell, *Violin*  
Victor Herro, *Viola* William Loder, *Cello* Jill Bewell, *Flute*  
Nancy Herro, *Clarinet* Steven Jensen, *Organ*  
Liv Olsen, Nathan Wesselowski, Chanse Mortenson, *Soloists*

PRELUDE                      Prelude and Fugue in c minor                      *J S Bach*

*Please enjoy the prelude as a time of silent preparation for worship.*

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP                      The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

*Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.*

*People: We choose to follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, temptation, and testing.*

*Leader: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's word is on our lips and in our hearts.*

*People: For the Lord not only leads us into the wilderness, but safely through the wilderness. Let us worship God!*

\* HYMN 166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days                      *St. Flavian*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION                      The Rev. Robert Ater

*Leader: Too often we lose sight of the way God intends things to be. That is why it is right for us to redirect our gaze upon the Lord and refocus our thoughts on what is true and just.*

*All: O God, you are our refuge and our strength. Forgive us when we fall to temptation; when we are swayed by*

false words; when we reject your prior claims upon us and our place in the world. Forgive us we pray. Show us your ways of salvation. In Christ's name we pray.

**KYRIE from Mass in G**

*Schubert*

*Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christe eleison.*

Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Ater

**THE PEACE**

*Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.*

*All: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Teresa Larson

**THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

(OT 548)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**GLORIA**

*Schubert*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,*

*et in terra pax hominibus*

*bonae voluntatis*

*Laudamus te, benedicimus te,*

*adoramus te, glorificamus te,*

*Gratias agimus tibi*

*propter magnam gloriam tuam,*

*Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,*

*Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili*

*unigenite, Jesu Christe,*

*Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,*

*filius Patris,*

*Qui tollis peccata mundi,*

*miserere nobis,*

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus,*

*tu solus Dominus,*

*tu solus altissimus,*

*cum sancto spiritu in gloria*

*Dei Patris, Amen.*

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth, peace to men

of good will,

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we adore thee, we glorify thee,

We give thanks to thee

for thy great glory,

Lord God, heavenly king,

Father almighty, Lord

the only-begotten son, Jesus Christ,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father,

Who takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us,

For thou only art holy,

thou only art the Lord,

thou only are the most high,

with the Holy Ghost in

the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Larson

## CREDO

*Credo in unum Deum,  
Patrem omnipotentem,  
factorem coeli et terrae,  
visibilium omnium  
et invisibilium,  
in unum Dominum, Jesum Christum,  
Filium Dei unigenitum,  
ex Patre natum,  
ante omnia saecula,  
Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,  
Deum verum de Deo vero,  
genitum non factum,  
con substantialem Patri,  
per quem omnia facta sunt,  
Qui propter nos homines  
et nostram salutem  
descendit de coelis.  
Et incarnatus est  
de spiritu sancto  
ex Maria Virgine  
et homo factus est,  
Crucifixus etiam pro nobis  
sub Pontio Pilato,  
passus et sepultus est,  
Et resurrexit tertia die  
secundum scripturas,  
et iterum venturus est  
cum gloria  
judicare vivos et mortuos  
cujus regni non erit finis.  
Et in spiritum sanctum,  
Dominum et vivificantem,  
qui ex Patre Filioque procedit,  
qui cum Patre et Filio  
simul adoratur et conglorificatur,  
qui locutus est per prophetas,  
Confiteor unum baptisma  
in remissionem peccatorum,  
mortuorum,  
et vitam venturi saeculi,  
Amen.*

## Schubert

I believe in one God,  
Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible  
and invisible,  
in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
of the Father  
before all ages,  
God of God, light of light,  
Very God of Very God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made,  
Who for us men  
and our salvation  
came down from heaven.  
And became incarnate  
by the Holy Ghost  
of the Virgin Mary  
and was made man,  
And was crucified also for us  
under Pontius Pilate,  
suffered and was buried,  
And the third day he rose again,  
according to the scriptures,  
and he shall come again  
with glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And in the Holy Ghost,  
the lord and life-giver,  
who proceedeth from the  
Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is adored and glorified,  
who spake by the prophets,  
I acknowledge one baptism  
for the remission of sins,  
of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come,  
Amen.



**Welcome!** If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 188<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Our livestream worship extends our community across the country.

Worshippers are invited to a special **Formal Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Melissa and David Gilbert, Susan and Curtiss Peck. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Marge Brindley, Lynda and Jim Peterson. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available this Sunday from 9:30 until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level; elevator access is also available. A **"crying room" on the second floor** offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" for more information: <https://conta.cc/4hb29nc>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

## **"SECOND SUNDAY" + LENT @ HOME WORKSHOP** **TODAY at 11:15 in the Peaceable Kingdom**

Today parents, grandparents, and other friends of Immanuel Church School children and youth are invited to gather in the lower level's Peaceable Kingdom for a workshop on observing the season of Lent at home. Rev. Larson and the Church School Committee will provide an overview of the meaning of Lent from 11:15-11:30. Children and youth will be dismissed from their classes at 11:30 to explore new resources to practice faith at home this season. Please join us!

### **"IMMANUEL READS"**

***James* by Percival Everett**

**Online discussion + Monday evening, March 10 at 7:30**

[https://bit.ly/Immanuel\\_Reads\\_James](https://bit.ly/Immanuel_Reads_James)

One of *The New York Times* best books of 2024 was Percival Everett's novel *James*, which re-tells the story of the novel, *Huckleberry Finn*, from the perspective of Jim, a fugitive from slavery. If you've read this book or would like to discuss it, please join us on Zoom on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. (link above)! The conversation will be facilitated by Immanuel member and Carthage College professor Greg Baer. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

# Lent 2025



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

### **"Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes"**

Soup supper in the Upper Room at 6:00,  
followed by table worship and the Lord's Supper  
Conversation and Discussion at 7:00

This year's theme, "Everything in Between," is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed.

Each week a presenter with expertise and wisdom will help us engage the binaries of our lives and help us to see that God is present in between.

**This week: March 12**

### **Faith & Works: Social Witness Policies of the PC(USA) Facilitated by Revs. Ater, Bush, and Larson**

All are welcome for an exploration of how Presbyterians live out their faith in the public square. Facilitated by the ministers, the evening's discussion will begin with an overview of how our denomination's social witness policies are created and the work of the Office of Public Witness, followed by conversations on policies related to gun violence, the Middle East, and environmental justice.

**Come for soup and worship at 6:00 or study at 7:00 or both!  
The evenings have been designed with flexibility in mind.**

Although not necessary, signing up in advance helps the cooks and ministers with planning. Sign up in the Parlor or click [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_LentSoupSuppers2025!](https://bit.ly/IPC_LentSoupSuppers2025!)

### **Upcoming Topics**

- March 19 - Stranger & Neighbor:** Common Ground's organizing with immigrants and public housing residents – Gabriela Dieguez and Kevin Solomon
- March 26 - Rest & Growth:** Caring for yourself spiritually in unsteady times  
– Rev. Jean Dow, Associate Pastor Emerita and Spiritual Director
- April 2 - Righteousness & Mercy:** Peacemaking through nonviolence  
– Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
- April 9 - Lost & Found:** In a time of church transition, asking real questions about identity, community, and hospitality  
– Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Immanuel Transition Team

# INTERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE MARCH LUNCHEON/LECTURE SERIES

**“Where do we go from here?”**

**March 11, 18, and 25 + 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**First Unitarian Society + 1342 N. Astor Street**

Each year, the Peace and International Issues Committee of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee sponsors a lecture series in March. This year’s theme “Where do we go from here?” will examine what’s at stake in the upcoming Wisconsin Supreme Court election, the challenges faced by refugees and immigrants, how people of faith might respond to climate change, and the current challenges in public education.

Programs run from 11:45 until 1:30 at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor Street. Parking is available at Immanuel. Individual in-person lectures are \$20.00; the full in-person series of four is \$70.00. A simple vegetarian lunch is included with in-person registration. Remote access registration is also available for all sessions for \$20. For more information and/or to register, contact the Interfaith Conference at 414-276-9050 or <https://www.interfaithconference.org/2025-tuesdays-in-march>  
*The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee is a longtime Immanuel mission partner.*

## CONFESSING THE FAITH IN UNSTEADY TIMES

### **An Exploration of the Theological Declaration of Barmen and the Confession of Belhar**

**Sundays, March 23 and 30 + 11:15 in the Upper Room**

Throughout the history of the Christian movement churches have written confessions of faith (a public declarations of what a church believes) when they have sensed an urgent and emerging need to share their convictions in response to changing cultural landscapes. Two of these confessions will be explored in an upcoming adult education series. On March 23, Rev. Dr. John Helt and Rev. John Dillon will lead an exploration of the Theological Declaration of Barmen, written in 1934 in response to the rise of Nazism in Germany. On March 30, Dr. Bush will discuss the Confession of Belhar, written in 1986 in response to apartheid in South Africa. Copies of each confession are on the tables in the Great Hall. Reading the confessions beforehand is not required to participate in the series.

### *In Memoriam*

**John Radtke** died on February 23 in Sun City, Arizona. He was an active member of Immanuel with his wife Susan Radtke from 1999 to 2015. Susan and John were married at Immanuel Church during morning worship on July 9, 2000.

**Clair Baum** died on March 2 at his home at St. John’s on the Lake. Clair had been an active participant in the life of the congregation since his wife Mary joined in 2009. A memorial service in the Immanuel Sanctuary is being planned for later this spring.

*Our prayers and sympathies are with the Radtke and Baum families.*



## INTERIM SEASON "TRANSITION TEAM"

As our congregation continues to navigate the challenges and opportunities of this interim season, a commission of 11 church members has been convened to provide assistance to Dr. Bush, our staff and Session. During the coming months, it will be important to have numerous and varied opportunities to gather information from Immanuel members – to listen to your concerns, to facilitate open dialogue, and to ask about your hopes and dreams for the future of our church. The "Transition Team" consists of both new and long-term members who will help craft and facilitate these conversations. Continue to keep this group, our staff and church leadership in prayer as we discern together God's plans for our congregation.

### Transition Team members:

Bob Bewell	Connie Goggin	Mary Stoker Smith
Audra Brennan	Nathan Guequierre	Sara VanderHaagen
Mike Gillard	Lindsey McKee	Matt Weith
Mary Ginnebaugh	Virginia Riggs	

*Mark your calendar and plan to  
worship with us for*

## Holy Week

at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

April 13	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b>
10:00	Morning Worship
11:15	Upper Room Meal
April 17	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
7:30	The Lord's Supper
April 18	<b>Good Friday</b>
7:30	Service of Tenebrae
April 19	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
7:30	Easter Vigil
	Services of Light, The Word, Reaffirmation of Baptism, Communion
April 20	<b>Resurrection of the Lord</b>
10:00	Easter Morning Worship
	<i>Christ is Risen!</i>

## WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

March 9	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	7:30	Immanuel Reads "James" book discussion ~ <i>virtual</i>
Tuesday	6:00	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Wednesday	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables, Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	7:00	

### NEXT SUNDAY


March 16	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
March 17	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	7:00	Church School Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
March 18	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
March 19	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables, Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	7:00	
March 22	9:00	Transition Team meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

The **Immanuel Columbarium** is open today and every Sunday until noon.


**SUNDAY MORNING PARKING:** Worshipers may park behind another car in the Waverly or Telluris/Brico (north) lots. **PLEASE place a Sunday bulletin on your dashboard with your name and cell phone number and move your car immediately after worship.** Please DO NOT park in the Barnett Gallery lot.

**Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers:** Ushers - Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, Paul Campbell, Dave Salisbury, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator - Kristi Leswing.

# Lord, Who throughout These 166 Forty Days



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and  
2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory  
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -  
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.  
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

PORTABLE HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS  
ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE



*Bulletins returned to the tables in the Narthex will be recycled.*



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