



IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  

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*transforming* tradition

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

Psalm 57:9-11

We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.  
We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.  
We hear Jesus' welcome-- inviting, forgiving;  
We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.  
Hymn "We Come to This Table"

And God stepped out on space  
And he looked around and said,  
"I'm lonely - I'll make me a world."

James Weldon Johnson *God's Trombones*

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 6, 2024

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Pavane

Faure'

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

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Robert Ater

*Leader: Gathering God, we worship you today as part of one global family of diverse cultures and creeds.*

**People:** Lord Jesus, you welcome us to your table to feed and be fed, renewing us in our desire for peace and justice.

*Leader: Life-giving Spirit, bless, comfort and disturb us, so that the work of your servants here may be directed along the paths of righteousness for the healing of the world.*

**People:** O Triune God, we join our voices with siblings the world over to offer you thanksgiving, glory and praise.  
Alleluia! Amen!

\* HYMN 317 In Christ There Is No East or West (vs. 1-3) Mc Kee

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION Rev. Randall Bush

*Leader: God created us to live in community, and yet we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from God.*

**All:** Forgive us, O Lord, and call us anew to faithfulness.  
Bind all your children together, nurturing us in love and forgiveness this day and evermore.

*Leader: On this World Communion Sunday, we are bold to pray for the needs of our city, our nation, and our world...*

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Bush

\* 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.

\* **RESPONSE** (*the congregation sings*)

In Christ now meet both east and west; In him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Teresa Larson

**THE SCRIPTURES** Psalm 67

(OT 529)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**ANTHEM**

**O Bread of Life**

*D. White*

*O Bread of Life from heaven to saints and angels given; O Manna from above!  
The souls that hunger, feed thou; the hearts that seek thee, lead thou; with thy  
sweet, tender love.*

Nancy Herro, clarinet

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

Rev. Ater

**Introduction of Stewardship Committee Chairs**

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS**

*Please sign the red Friendship Folder and greet one another following the service.*

*Online worshippers please indicate your presence using the link on the website.*

*Today's unenveloped offerings will support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).*

**OFFERTORY**

**Prelude on "Rhosymedre"**

*Vaughan-Williams*

\* **DOXOLOGY** (*the congregation sings*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

Rev. Ater

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Dr. Bush

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

*People: And also with you.*

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

*People: We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Leader: We give thanks to you, holy and everlasting God...*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glory forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*This is the Lord's table. All persons, regardless of age or denomination,  
are invited to commune. Gluten-free bread is at the center of each tray.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Larson

*Children, youth, and teachers gather at the font for prayer before proceeding to  
Church School in the Peaceable Kingdom on the lower level.*

\* HYMN 515 I Come with Joy (vs. 1-3)

*Dove of Peace*

THE SCRIPTURES Isaiah 58:6-10; 61:1-4

(OT 688, 691)

*Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

SERMON "Good News to the Poor"

Rev. Brian Sonderman

\*HYMN 340 This Is My Song (vs. 1, 3)

*Finlandia*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Rev. Sonderman

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

*Lemmons*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Kay Helen Silet,  
mother and grandmother to Scott Silet & Kate Lewis, Harry Lewis.*

After the postlude, a minister and elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.



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October 6, 2024

# Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, October 6, 2024

*Welcome!* If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 187<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.

**Welcome Team** members this morning are Lynda Peterson, Leslie Davis, and Virginia Riggs. 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 today 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 the worship service. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information: <https://conta.cc/4en0BG8>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

## ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY

Today Immanuel Church joins congregations around the world in celebrating **World Communion Sunday**. This annual observance acknowledges and affirms our unity with Christian siblings throughout the world. Our guest preacher is the **Rev. Brian Sonderman, CEO of Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity**, as the organization celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We also mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Presbyterian Coalition, that Immanuel helped start. In thirty years, the Presbyterian Coalition has helped to build or rehab thirty homes and raised over a million dollars for Habitat! **Rev. Sonderman will offer a post-worship update on Milwaukee Habitat's plans for the coming years at a special Coffee Hour in the Upper Room hosted by the Mission Committee.**

## **"CHURCH CHAT" + NEXT Sunday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m.**

Join Dr. Bush in the Upper Room for our next pre-worship conversation as we explore the important topic of annual budgets, and the changing requirements related to ministerial compensation.

## **CELEBRATION OF STEVE JENSEN'S ANNIVERSARY NEXT Sunday, October 13 at 11:15**

Last fall Steve Jensen celebrated 30 years as the organist here at Immanuel Church. Not wanting to let this milestone pass unacknowledged, there will be a special reception for Steve next Sunday, October 13, in the Parlor during the Coffee Hour. Thank you, Steve, for your years of faithful service!

## **“SECOND SUNDAY”: PASTRIES WITH PARENTS**

**NEXT Sunday, October 13 at 11:15 in the Peaceable Kingdom**

On the second Sunday of each month, Church School families gather for a special activity of worship, fellowship, and service. Next Sunday, parents, grandparents, and other friends of Immanuel Church School children and youth are invited to gather in the lower level's Peaceable Kingdom. Rev. Larson and the Church School Committee will provide an overview of our ministries, introduce new resources to practice faith at home, and facilitate conversation and connection with parents over pastries and juice. Please join us!

## **ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES in the Upper Room following worship**

**Sunday, October 20 - “The Political Mind: The Psychology and Neuroscience Behind our Deep Divisions”**

How do we acquire our political and social beliefs? Can our beliefs change? How can we promote civil discourse in a politically polarized environment? Local psychotherapist Philip Chard returns to Immanuel to engage these questions and to share a presentation on the differences in perspectives, beliefs, and brain functioning across the political spectrum. All are welcome to join the conversation.

**Sunday, October 27 - Housing, Race, and Equity in Milwaukee**

Beth Van Gorp, Milwaukee Habitat's Director of Advocacy will offer an interactive presentation on how local history has impacted our housing patterns. She'll help us to understand the impact of segregated housing in our community.

## **EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner Thursday, November 7 + 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sprecher Brewery in Glendale**

A longtime Immanuel mission partner, Eastside Senior Services (ESS) helps older adults in the East Side area to remain independent and in their own homes. ESS will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary with a special buffet dinner celebration that will include a silent auction, games, and brewery tours. For more information or to get tickets, go to: <https://essmilw.org/events/> Questions? Contact Immanuel member and ESS board member Julia Vosper ([jvosper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvosper@sbcglobal.net)) or Rev. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)).

## **EVENSONG AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH TODAY, Sunday, October 6 + 2:30 p.m.**

Our neighbors at St. Paul's Episcopal Church invite all to join them this afternoon for an organ prelude and choral evensong followed by a reception. St. Paul's is located at 914 E. Knapp Street, with parking across the street in the Lincoln Center lot.

## DEMOCRACY MATTERS

### Common Ground + Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Campaign

#### Check-in with 5 friends, relatives, or neighbors who might need help or encouragement to vote

Voting is a gift we give people we love. Because we care about them and the world they live in, we vote. Write down a list of at least five people you know that need help or encouragement to vote. Plan a time to talk with each one of them -- face-to-face or on the phone -- about how they are feeling about voting. Make it a conversation. Share why you are voting. Help them register, update their voting address, or request an absentee ballot at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.

#### Register voters at Interchange Food Pantry

Sign Up: [https://bit.ly/CG\\_VoterRegistration2024](https://bit.ly/CG_VoterRegistration2024)

Immanuel and Village Lutheran Church are partnering with Common Ground to register voters at the Interchange Food Pantry. Volunteers are still needed on October 22 & 29 (2-4 p.m.) and October 24 & 31 (9:30-11:30 a.m.). All volunteers will be provided with training and resource materials in advance of their shift. A cell phone or tablet with internet access is needed. Sign up today at the link above or at the sign-up table in Upper Room.

Questions? Contact Rev. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) in the Church office.

## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

### Responding to Hurricane Helene

#### *Donations for cleanup buckets needed!*

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has deployed (or will soon deploy) response teams in Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia. Six initial presbytery assistance grants and two church damage grants have also been provided. Worshipers interested in supporting these ongoing efforts, may make contributions to Immanuel (noting PDA in the memo) or directly to PDA by mailing a check to P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700; please include PDA account number DR000169. You may also donate online at [pda.pcusa.org/](http://pda.pcusa.org/).

PDA is also in dire need of **emergency cleanup buckets** after sending more than 75% of their supply out over the last week. Each bucket contains 16 different cleaning supplies, totaling around \$75 per bucket. **Immanuel Church School children and youth will assemble cleanup buckets after worship on November 3 and need donations!** Our goal is to make 20 buckets. Sign up to donate items on the flipchart in the Upper Room or by clicking here: [bit.ly/IPC\\_PDA\\_CleanUpBuckets2024](http://bit.ly/IPC_PDA_CleanUpBuckets2024). You may also make a financial donation toward the cost of the project; write "PDA buckets" in the memo line of a check or donate online by clicking here: [bit.ly/IPC\\_PDA\\_BucketDonation](http://bit.ly/IPC_PDA_BucketDonation). All "clean up bucket" donations must be received by Thursday, October 31.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

OCTOBER 6

	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Rev. Brian Sonderman preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15-noon	Habitat for Humanity Presentation ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	4:30	Budget Formation Task Force ~ <i>virtual</i>
Wednesday	5:00	Mission Committee ~ <i>virtual</i>

### NEXT SUNDAY

OCTOBER 13

	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	9:00	“Church Chat” – Church Budgeting ~ <i>Upper Room</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>
	11:15-noon	Pastries with Parents ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
October 14	4:00	Adult Education Committee ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>

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

**Thank you to this morning’s worship volunteers:** Ushers – Mark Connelly, Dick Myers, Linda Neubauer, and Dave Salisbury; Camera operator – Kristi Leswing.

Randall K. Bush	Interim Pastor
Robert W. Ater	Associate Pastor
Teresa A. Larson	Associate Pastor
Susan J. Stoll	Part-time Associate Pastor for spiritual care
Deborah A. Block	Pastor Emerita
William H. Johnstone	Pastor Emeritus
Jean Dow	Associate Pastor Emerita
Steven J. Jensen	Organist
John S. Komasa	Choir Director
Crystal Stinemates	Program and Office Administrator
Sarah Campbell	Part-time Financial Administrator
Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton
James C. Fisher	Parish Associate
Sister Karlyn Cauley	Ecumenical Associate



# 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

# I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)  
 Csus Cm B<sup>b</sup> Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)  
 Gm F/A B<sup>b</sup> C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993  
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977  
 Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company  
 Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE  
 8.6.8.6.6

## This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.