

INTO THE PRESENCE

Gathering Music and Chiming of the Hour

Words of Welcome and Prayer Requests

Pastor Heppenstall

Prelude and Personal Preparation

“Cavatine for Trumpet and Organ”

by Hans-André Stamm; Tierney McLean, Trumpet

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

And He shall reign forever and ever.

Praise the Lord.

For God is good and God's mercy endures forever!

All: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn #288 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, if we have made of the resurrection a day of celebration and failed to make of it a lifetime of discipleship—please forgive us. If we have treated the good news of this hour as if it were once upon a time and not here and now and forever—please forgive us. If we have made of this day a monument to our hopes and not a testimony to Your triumph—please teach us once again what it means to say: “He is Risen.” For here we would link our lives to the One whom the cross could not conquer and death could not destroy. It is in His name we ask You to forgive us...

-Silent Prayer-

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Special Music

“Hallelujah! Risen Indeed!”

Music and lyrics by Allen Pote; arr. by Andrew Cooke

Sung by the IBC “Count It All Joy Choir”

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer *(debts and debtors)* *Mark Ballard*

*Sharing the Gift of Peace to All, Passing the Peace

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And Also with you!

As Christ shared His peace with us

let us share Christ's peace with one another.

(Please greet those around you and return to your places as the Peace Hymn begins.)

*Peace Hymn

“Prayer For Peace”

by David Haas

“Peace / Love / Christ before us; * behind us; * to all we meet;

Peace / Love / Christ within us; * over us;

let all around us be Peace / Love / Christ.”

INTO THE WORD

Reading from the Psalms Psalm 118:19-24

Glenda Blake

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response #305

“He is Lord”

“He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!”

Reading from the Gospels John 12:20-26

Communion Meditation

Pastor Heppenstall

“Be Careful What You Wish For!”

Text: “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” John 12:21

Moments for Quiet Reflection

*Hymn #296

“Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil”

GATHERED AT CHRIST'S TABLE

The Invitation to Christ's Table

The Prayer of Preparation

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Call for the Offering

Mark Ballard

Offertory

“Festival Prelude on Thaxted”

by David Howard Petit; adapted from “The Planets”, by Gustav Holst

*Song of Dedication #310 “Thine Is the Glory” *(vs. 1 only)*

“Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;

endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;

endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.”

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God, whom the cross could not conquer and the grave could not hold: we come before You with wonder and gratitude on this Easter Sunday. We come ready to rededicate our lives to serving the Risen Christ.

We bring You our tithes and offerings in response to the good news of eternal life.

As Christ was raised from death... we ask You to resurrect our faith with such joyful and trusting confidence that we may follow wherever Easter takes us.

For we pray in the name of the One who is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #298

“The Day of Resurrection!”

*Benediction

*Unison Charge in Song

Let us go out into the world in peace.

With courage as we hold to what is good.

Return to no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the faint of heart; support the weak;

help those who suffer; honor all people.

Love and serve the Lord,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us go out into the world in peace. Amen.

Postlude

“Festival Processional for Trumpet and Organ”

by Robert Wetzler

(Many people at Immanuel prefer to be seated to listen to the Postlude.)

-COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS-

(If you have an announcement to share with the community please come to the microphone at the front of the sanctuary.)

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Our Lay Reader this morning is **Glenda Blake**.

Our Liturgist this morning is **Mark Ballard**.

Our Cantor this morning is **Rya Weise**.

Our Guest Trumpeter is **Tierney McLean**.

PRAYING TOGETHER AT IMMANUEL:

Please pray for our:

Local Mission: Please pray for the work and witness of the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School faculty and students.

Denominational Mission: Each year on April 7th, World Health Day invites us to consider the most pressing health issues around the globe. For Christians and the Church, this day can be more than just a moment of awareness. It can be a call to action rooted in God's mission and the heart of the gospel! Please remember to pray for our friends at International Ministries and all who seek to promote health in the name of Christ.

If you have someone you would like us to keep in prayer please put their names on the **Prayer List on the table in the Narthex**.

**(Indicates the Congregation will please stand as you are able.)*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL CHURCH!

We are blessed by your presence with us and pray that in a deep and abiding way the power and presence of the living God will touch your life as you are with us this morning. We welcome you to a safe, vibrant, loving space where everyone may experience healing and growth. The vision of Immanuel is to spread Jesus' message of love, peace and justice and to provide a safe, loving, welcoming environment where everyone can study, grow and heal.

The **Personal Preparation** on the front cover is offered as a doorway to meaningful worship this morning. Sometimes we pray it together and other times we will share it in silence during the morning Prelude. We encourage you to "be still and know" the living God. Immanuel means "God is with us."

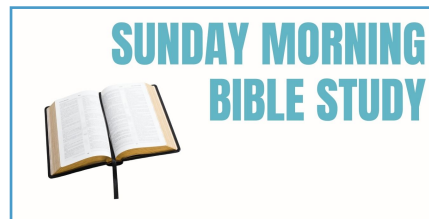
FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We hope you will join us for **Fellowship Hour in the McDonald** room following worship this morning. We are looking for someone to take on running Fellowship Hour as Andrea is stopping after Easter. If you are interested, please reach out to Laurie Newton (of the LOVE area of ministry). Also, consider shadowing Andrea to learn how it's done!

COME JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY!

9:15 in the McDonald Room

Share in a time a of quiet reflection as Bible passages intersect our daily lives.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

APRIL 12TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

We will consider the proposed changes to the Immanuel Constitution and By-laws. These have been distributed in the **Heart to Heart** Newsletter.

APRIL 25TH PRESENTATION:

April 25th
2:00-3:30
with dessert afterwards!
(vegan options available)

Understanding, Loving, and Supporting Queer and Trans People

Join us for a participatory presentation that will explore the varied identities that comprise queer and trans communities, the impact of marginalization, homophobia, and transphobia on LGBTQIA+ community members, and how to become better informed and effective allies.

Evan Schloss is a psychotherapist who has been working in mental health and within queer and trans communities for over 20 years.

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THE IMMANUEL COMMUNITY PREACHING SCHEDULE- APRIL/MAY

NEXT SUNDAY - APRIL 12TH

The Rev. Dr. Richard Myers to Preach
"In This Very Room."

April 19th
Kathleen Robbins to Preach

April 26th
The Rev. Dr. Richard Myers to Preach

May 3rd
Pastor Heppenstall to Preach
"Part-time Prodigals"

Text: "I will get up and go to my father and I will say..." Luke 15:18

May 10th
Pastor Heppenstall to Preach
"Overheard at Midnight"

Text: "...how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit?" Luke 11:13

ECUMENICAL MASS - TUESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

April 7th - Rev. Heidi Tyler to Preach
April 14th - Michael Marshall to Preach

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FOR IN-PERSON OR ZOOM WORSHIP

at Immanuel beginning at 10:45 am

To join us via Zoom, it is the same Zoom link as always:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5854737664>

Meeting ID: 585 473 7664 One tap mobile:

+16465588656, 5854737664

Zoom Pass Code: q9jBwM

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EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 05, 2026

Welcome to Immanuel Baptist Church

"Spreading Jesus' message of love, peace and justice and providing a safe, loving, welcoming environment where everyone can study, grow and heal."

PERSONAL PREPARATION

Risen Lord we gather to worship You. Grant us grace to open every fiber of our being to the truth and power of this glorious day. As the cross has not defeated You and the grave has not kept You silent--help us lift our voices in triumphant praise and adoration. As You met Mary and called her by name -- so let us hear You speak our names in the quiet of our hearts this morning and prepare us to proclaim Your name before the world. In this hour of worship show us all that should rightly die in our lives, the tired habits, the fruitless longings and the redundant relationships that Your resurrection power may bring us to newness of life and fullness of joy. Prepare us to hear and live by all of life's greatest truth: "He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed." Amen.

Adapted from Book of Common Order - Church of Scotland.