

INTO THE PRESENCE

Music Reflections and Chiming of the Hour

Words of Welcome
Prayer Requests

Kathleen Robbins

Prelude and Personal Preparation

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

By A. J. Gordon; based on a setting by Gail Smith

Responsive Call to Worship:

Christ is alive!
He is risen!
Christ is alive!
He is risen indeed!
Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn #312 “Christ is Alive”

*Prayer of Adoration

Special Music “You’ve Got a Friend”

music and lyrics by Carole King; Rya Weise, soloist

Our Community Prayers And the Lord’s Prayer

James Weise

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.

*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 “Sing for Justice”

traditional Welsh melody; lyrics by Brennan Blue

All who want peace, sing for justice, join in the call!

Justice is love’s public story open to all.

Harmony is born of difference, notes and chords of lived experience.

All who want peace, sing for justice, join in the call!

INTO THE WORD

Old Testament Reading Genesis: 18:1-8

Laurel Newton

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response #88 “Lord We Lift Your Name on High”

words and music by Rick Founds

**“Lord, we lift Your name on high.
Lord, we love to sing Your praises.
We’re so glad You’re in our life;
We’re so glad You came to save us.
You came from Heaven to earth to show the way.
From the Earth to the cross, our debts to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, we lift Your name on high.”**

Reading from the Gospels Luke 24:13-35

Sermon “At Table with Jesus”

Kathleen Robbins

Moments for Quiet Reflection

*Hymn “On the Journey to Emmaus”

words and music by Marty Haugen

Call for the Offering

James Weise

Offertory “God So Loved the World”

by John Stainer

*Song of Dedication #352 “Spirit Song”

**“Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love;
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, oh Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, oh Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.”**

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, Giver of all good gifts, we thank You for all that we have received. We recognize that You have given different and precious gifts to each of us. As we present our offering this morning help us to use all our skills and abilities in ways that will benefit others as You have charged us to do. May the gifts of our hands, our voices, our wills, our lives be used wisely and well... all to bear faithful witness to Your Son and to build Christ’s kingdom. Amen.

INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn “Christ, Be Our Light” *words and music by Bernadette Farrell*

*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 “Jesus Shall Reign”

music by John Hatton; arr. by Benton Price

*(Many people at Immanuel prefer to be seated to listen to the Postlude.
If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you.)
Everyone is invited to join us for coffee time after worship in the MacDonald Room.*

-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 **Laurel Newton**.
Our Liturgist this morning is **James Weise**.
Our Cantor this morning is **Rya Weise**.

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: The recent 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."

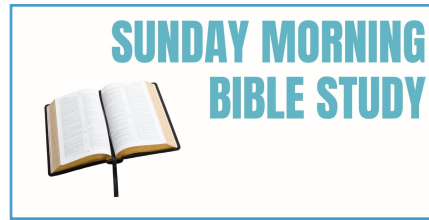
FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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).

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.



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 26TH

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

May 17th

Michael Marshall to Preach

ECUMENICAL MASS - TUESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

April 21st - Michael Marshall to Preach

April 28th - Rev. Patti LaRosa to Preach

May 5th - Kathleen Robbins 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:

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Zoom Pass Code: q9jBwM

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 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

Center us down, O God, until in our deepest soul we kneel, quietly, waiting reverently. Please deliver us from the anxieties of our troubled days in these brief moments of worship, so that we may meet Thee undistractedly, and confirm the bond that binds us to Thee and then wade into the deep waters of service and sacrifice that our times demand. By Thy presence help us to reorder our minds and our hearts, bringing before Thee one by one our loved ones, our hopes and fears, our great joys and our ill-admitted sins, until we see with Thine eyes and love with Thy grace... and know Thy peace. Then send us forth in determined humility to do justice and love kindness. In Christ we pray. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer by Samuel Miller)