

INTO THE PRESENCE

Musical Reflections and Chiming of the Hour

Words of Welcome

Michael Marshall

Prelude and Personal Preparation

“Prepare Me One Body”

African-American Folk Song; based on an arrangement by Roland Hayes

“Prepare me one body; I'll go down, I'll go down,
Prepare me one body like man; I'll go down and die.
The man of sorrows, sinner, see; I'll go down, I'll go down,
He died for you an' he died for me; I'll go down and die.”

Call to Worship/Gathering at the Mourner's Bench

Prayer Requests

*Opening Hymn #422 “Amazing Grace”

by John Newton; Michael Marshall and The Count It All Joy Choir

Community Prayers

Michael Marshall

*The Lord's Prayer - Hymn #740 (sung)

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

Mark Ballard

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 Hebrew Scriptures 1 Samuel 7:3-12

Kathleen Robbins

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God!

Reading from the Epistles 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Musical Video Reflection

“God Has Been Good to Me”

Created by Ingrid Phillip

Sermon

Michael Marshall

“Grace Brought Me This Far”

Text: “...My grace is sufficient for you...” 2 Corinthians 12:9

Moments for Quiet Reflection

Call for the Offering

Mark Ballard

Offertory

“Come Sunday”

Words and Music by Duke Ellington; X'zaya Ivy, soloist

*Song of Dedication #660 “I Sing Praises”

**“I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,
Praises to Your name, O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised!**

**I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,
Praises to Your name, O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised!”**

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

God of unlimited mercy and unrelenting patience, we bring our offerings to You. We pray that the work of Your church... the work of grace and gospel... may be enlarged, enriched and strengthened as we seek to show the love, purpose and mercy of Christ our Lord in a world of need. Let our gifts be part of Your goodness... in the name of Him who is mercy and hope incarnate... even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #574

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

*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

“I'll Fly Away”

by Albert E. Brumley

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

Lay Reader this morning is **Kathleen Robbins**.

Our Cantor this morning is **X'zaya Ivy**.

PRAYING TOGETHER AT IMMANUEL:

Please pray for our:

Local Mission: Please pray for those who will be receiving their Master of Divinity degrees from the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School this month and are seeking a call to ministry.

Larger Mission: May is officially recognized as **Mental Health Awareness Month** in the United States, established in 1949 by Mental Health America to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and provide education on mental well-being. Please keep all who struggle with mental health issues and those who support them in your prayers. The theme this year is “More Good Days, Together.”

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."

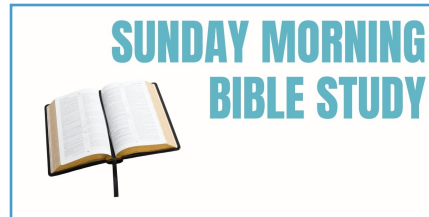
FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We hope you will join us for **Fellowship Hour in the McDonald** room following worship this morning.

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.



ZAMBIA PRESENTATION ON MAY 17TH

Following Worship Today in the Library

Do you love elephants? How about the joy of children?

Join us in the library following worship!

Patty Heppenstall will be sharing photos and telling the story of her experience volunteering at an elephant orphanage and bringing clean water to a local village in Zambia.



THE IMMANUEL COMMUNITY PREACHING SCHEDULE - MAY

MAY 24TH - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pastor Heppenstall to Preach:
"Grace and Gratitude"

Text: "I always thank my God..." Philemon 4

May 31st
Rev. Phil Davis to Preach

ECUMENICAL MASS - TUESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

May 19th - Rev. Patti LaRosa to Preach
May 26th - Rev. Dr. Dick Myers 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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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 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

God of our life, help us in the coming hour to place our lives in the greater context of Your grace. Place our doubts in the light of such faith as moves mountains. Place our worries within earshot of Him who says, "Peace be still." Bring our racing minds beside still waters. Bring our fears to Him who reassures, "Fear not I am with you." Help us place our gifts at the foot of His cross. Help us entrust our hopes to the promise of His empty tomb. In this hour that belongs to You- please teach us how to give You all the hours of all our days.... beginning here and now. Amen.