

INTO THE PRESENCE

Musical Reflections and Chiming of the Hour

Words of Welcome and Prayer Requests

Rev. Dr. Richard Myers

Prelude and Personal Preparation

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”

An American Negro Spiritual

Responsive Call to Worship:

based on Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light,

...for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness;

rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly,

but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

All: Therefore it says: ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.’” We awake to worship the one who separates light from darkness!

*Hymn of Praise #93 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Special Music “Feeling Good”

Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse; X’zaya Ivy, soloist

Community Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Richard Myers

(debts and debtors)

*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 His peace with one another.

(Please 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 Gospels. John 9:1-17

Laurie Newton

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response #319 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

“Lord, the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness, shining,
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me!

Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father’s glory!

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire!

Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy!

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!”

Reading from the Gospels John 9:18-41

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“Blind Sight”

Ken Williams

Moments for Quiet Reflection

*Hymn #505 “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

Call for the Offering

Rev. Dr. Richard Myers

Offertory “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Music by William H. Doane; based on an arrangement by Mark Hayes

*Song of Dedication #88 “Lord, We Lift Your Name on High”

“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!”

*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 #422

“Amazing Grace”

*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

“Festiva”

Paul Fey

*(Many people at Immanuel prefer to be seated to listen to the Postlude.
If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

-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 Laurie Newton.

Our Cantor this morning is X’zaya Ivy.

Our Host this morning is Rev. Dr. Richard Myers.

Our Guest Preacher this morning is Ken Williams.

PRAYING TOGETHER AT IMMANUEL:

Please pray for our:

Local Mission: Please pray for the Greater Rochester Community of Churches as “we work toward the day when every child, youth and adult feels safe, experiences support and care, and can discover ways to use their gifts for the good of the beloved community.” And on this Father’s Day, pray for all Fathers, those with us and those in our hearts.

National and International Mission:

International Ministries works cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God’s reign of justice, peace and abundant life for all creation.

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.)*

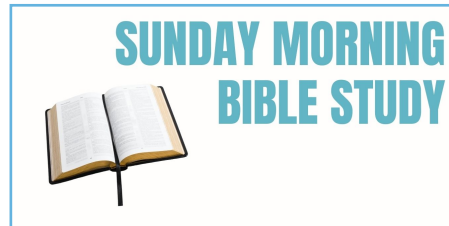
WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL CHURCH!

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. 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."

Immanuel Baptist is pleased to host our friends and neighbors from the greater community each week. The White Lotus Buddhist Center meets regularly on the second floor of our church and the Area Artists (AA and other Support Groups) meet downstairs throughout the week.

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.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: THIS SUNDAY!

June 21st After Worship

At the request of the Board of Ministry, the Immanuel Baptist Church will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please plan to come to the McDonald Room, grab a little something to eat or drink and join us there!

BLOOMING NOW AT IBC:



THE IMMANUEL COMMUNITY PREACHING SCHEDULE -JUNE/JULY

NEXT SUNDAY - JUNE 28TH
Rev. Lawrence Hargrave to Preach

July 5th
Rev. Mark Ballard to Preach

July 12th
James Weise to Preach

ECUMENICAL MASS - TUESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

June 23rd - Rev. Patti LaRosa to Preach
June 30th - Kathleen Robbins to Preach
July 7th - Rev. Heidi Tyler 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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THE LORDS'S DAY

JUNE 21, 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

Let us begin this Lord's day in Your strength O Lord!
Clear our vision to behold Your purpose.
Sharpen our minds to explore Your truth.
Ready our feet to go where we are needed to serve.
Open our ears to hear Your still small voice in prayer.
Let us listen to the needs of others more than our own needs.
Grant us grace when we are right and humility when we are wrong.
Above all else, O Lord, let this be true:
That the love of Jesus Christ is made visible to others through us,
For we gather and we pray in Christ's name,
and seek to serve in Your Kingdom. Amen.