

INTO THE PRESENCE

Musical Reflections and Chiming of the Hour
Words of Welcome and Prayer Requests *Rev. Mark Ballard*

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"
by William H. Doane; based on an arrangement by Mark Hayes

Come, all who hunger for God's Word and long for God's presence.
We come to receive the seed of God's love and truth.
 God scatters grace with open hands, sowing hope where there is despair,
 mercy where there is brokenness, and life where there is weariness.

When the way is hard and the soil of our hearts is troubled, God continues to sow seeds of faith, hope, and love.

God's Word is living and active, calling us to deeper faith, greater compassion, and courageous love.

Let us worship the One who is faithful in every season, whose love never fails, and whose kingdom continues to grow among us.

by Ervin Drake; X'zaya Ivy, soloist

***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.)

by Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace, Make me a channel of your peace."

INTO THE WORD

Reading from the Psalms Psalms 119:105-112 *Laurie Newton*

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God!

**"I'm gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.
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Rev. Philip B. Davis, Sr.

Sermon **"Cause to Wonder"** *Rev. Philip B. Davis, Sr.*

Offertory **“Jesus is All the World to Me”**
by Will L. Thompson

**“Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today!”**

Holy God, out of Your abundance we have known abundance and we thank You for the privilege of being able to give and to be part of Your kingdom work. Let our gifts bear fruit in the proper time and the most meaningful way. Help us to be faithful witnesses to Your grace in the way we live and the way we serve, for we are following the One whose compassion and service led to the cross... even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #581 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*Benediction *Rev. Philip B. Davis, Sr.*

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.

“Marche Maestros”
Marvin Gaspard

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

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

Our Lay Reader this morning is Laurie Newton.
Our Cantor this morning is X'zaya Ivy.
Our Host and Liturgist this morning is Rev. Mark Ballard.
Our Guest Preacher this morning is Rev. Philip B. Davis, Sr.

The **Reverend Philip B. Davis, Sr.** is a native of Brooklyn, New York, a graduate of Hunter College of The City University of New York and Union Theological Seminary of New York. He was ordained in 1997 at the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Brooklyn, NY. In 2003 he began serving both Presbyterian (PCUSA) and American Baptist Churches (ABCUSA) in the Rochester NY area. He is the father of two adult sons (Lloyd Byron Davis and Philip Bernard Davis, Jr). He enjoys the outdoors, classic jazz, both fiction and non-fiction literature, stand-up comedy, the company of friends and stimulating conversations.

"Is this Love?" is the guiding question to his theology, ministry and approach to living.

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

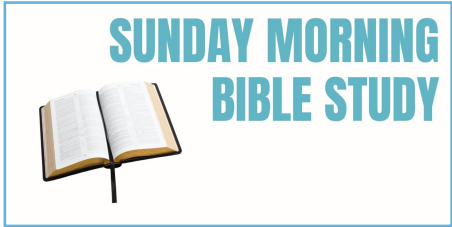
WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL CHURCH!

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.”

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.



ROC AWAB PRIDE SERVICE

TODAY AT 3:00 at Lake Avenue Baptist Church

With our own talented Andrew Cooke on Organ/Piano! Come together with our fellow ROC AWAB churches for a collaborative Pride Service.

Sunday, July 19 - Service

3:00pm at Lake Avenue Baptist Church

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Rick Mixon

Full Communion Service

Piano: Andrew Cooke



SAVE THE DATES!

Music and Art Summer Camp

This summer Immanuel is hosting its
FREE day camp for kids again!
August 10th-14th.
Register on our website!



THE IMMANUEL COMMUNITY
PREACHING SCHEDULE - JULY/AUGUST:

NEXT SUNDAY - JULY 26TH
Rev. Peg Nowling-Williams to Preach

August 2nd
Glenda Blake to Preach

August 9th
James Weise to Preach

August 16th
Caleb See to Preach

ECUMENICAL MASS - TUESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

July 21st - Rev. Mark Ballard
July 28th - Dr. Rev. Dick Myers
August 4th - Rev. Patti LaRosa

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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PRIDE WEEKEND

JULY 19, 2026



PERSONAL PREPARATION

Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me
Open unto me, light for my darkness,
Open unto me, courage for my fear
Open unto me, hope for my despair,
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil
Open unto me, joy for my sorrow,
Open unto me, strength for my weakness
Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion,
Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins
Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness,
Open unto me, love for my hates
Open unto me, Thy Self for myself,
Lord, Lord, open unto me!

-Howard Thurman