

INTO THE PRESENCE

Musical Reflections and Chiming of the Hour  
Words of Welcome and Prayer Requests *Rev. Dr. Richard Myers*

Welcome Song Hymn #131  
“Surely the Presence”

Call to Worship:  
In the Pirke Avot (5:27) it is said:  
We are here to do. And through doing to learn  
And through learning to know  
And through knowing to experience wonder  
And though wonder to attain wisdom  
And through wisdom to find simplicity  
And through simplicity to give attention  
And through attention  
To see what needs to be done.  
(Unison). We are here to do.

Hymn #723 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of power and gentleness, You know our prayers before we speak them. Yet in our asking, prepare us to receive the gift of grace. Open now our eyes to Your healing presence. Allow us to forsake all that separates us from You and from our neighbor. We confess whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others-- that we and they may receive mercy and know healing. Please help us become ministers of Your grace one to another, and thus become Your church. Please meet with compassion the confession we now make in silent prayer...

-Silent Prayer-

Assurance of Pardon:  
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Community Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer *Kathleen Robbins*  
(sung Hymnal #740)

\*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 “Peace Will Come”  
*by Tom Paxton*  
(See Insert for Music)

INTO THE WORD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 8 *Jan St. Pierre*  
Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
Response: Thanks be to God!

\*Sung Response #574 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”  
“I’m gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere.  
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Gospel Reading John 5:1-18

Communion Meditation *Rev. Dr. Richard Myers*  
“When Work Is Prayer”

Moments for Quiet Reflection

\*Hymn #696 “Come, Share the Lord”

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 *Kathleen Robbins*

Offertory “Deep River”  
*an African-American Spiritual; arr. by Moses Hogan; X’zaya Ivy, soloist*

\*Song of Dedication “We Sing Praises”  
*by Terry MacAlmon*

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

We give glory to Your name, O Lord,  
Glory to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised!"

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication  
*A prayer of Augustine of Hippo*

O Loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn #424 “How Can I Keep From Singing?”

\*Benediction *Rev. Dr. Richard Myers*

\*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 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”  
*by Henry T. Smart; arr. 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.)  
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 Guest Preacher this morning is **Rev. Dr. Richard Myers**.  
Our Lay Reader this morning is **Jan St. Pierre**.  
Our Liturgist this morning is **Kathleen Robbins**.  
Our Soloist this morning is **X’zaya Ivy**.

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.”

**National and International Mission:**  
International Ministries calls for prayers in the face of the Nepal flooding crisis. Please pray for those displaced and affected, for first responders, and for recovery and resilience.

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.”

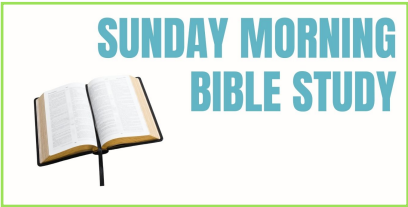
FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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.



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THE IMMANUEL COMMUNITY  
PREACHING SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER

NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

James Weise to Preach:  
“What do we do with this?”

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Michael Marshall to Preach**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rev. Dr. Ken Williams to Preach**

ECUMENICAL MASS - TUESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

**September 8<sup>th</sup> - Rev. Mark Ballard to Preach**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> - Rev. Heidi Tyler to Preach**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Michael Marshall to Preach**

**September 29<sup>th</sup> - 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:

+16465588656, 5854737664

**Zoom Pass Code: q9jBwM**

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COMMUNION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 6, 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.”*



Communion plate and chalice are made in Hebron by a Palestinian family.

PERSONAL PREPARATION

Be gentle  
When you touch bread  
Let it not lie  
Uncared for—unwanted.  
So often bread  
Is taken for granted.

There is so much beauty  
In bread—  
Beauty of sun and soil,  
Beauty of patient toil.  
Winds and rains have caressed it,  
Christ often blessed it.  
Be gentle  
When you touch bread.

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