

INTO THE PRESENCE

Music Reflections and Chiming of the Hour
Words of Welcome and Prayer Requests Michael Marshall

Prelude and Personal Preparation
“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”
a traditional African-American Spiritual

Call to Worship Kathleen Robbins

*Hymn #131 “Surely the Presence”

Community Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer Michael Marshall

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.

Special Music “All Good Gifts”
from the musical “GODSPELL”; Words by Matthias Claudius;
Translation by Jane M. Campbell; Music by Stephen Schwartz;
sung by the IBC “Count It All Joy Choir”

*Sharing the Gift of Peace to All, Passing the Peace Michael Marshall
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

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 17:22-23 Glenda Blake
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response #373 “Change My Heart, O God”
“Change my heart oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart oh God, may I be like You.

You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray:

Change my heart oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart oh God, may I be like You.”

Sermon Reading Luke 13:18-21

Sermon “The Reign of God Is Like...” Kathleen Robbins

Moments for Quiet Reflection

*Hymn #65 “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

Call for the Offering Michael Marshall

Offertory “Give Me Jesus”
a Traditional African-American Spiritual

*Song of Dedication #660 “We Sing Praises”
“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 Michael Marshall
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, justice 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

Community Announcements Michael Marshall
(If you have an announcement to share, please come to the microphone at the front of the sanctuary, or raise your hand)

*Closing Hymn #422 “Amazing Grace”

*Benediction Kathleen Robbins

*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 “Postlude in G”
by Gerald Peterson

(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 McDonald Room.

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Our Guest Preacher this morning is Kathleen Robbins.
Our Host this morning is Michael Marshall.
Our Reader this morning is Glenda Blake.
Our Soloist this morning is Mark Ballard.

WORLD MISSION OFFERING:

Through International Ministries’ World Mission Offering (WMO), thousands of God’s people across the country celebrate and give financial support to ministries God is using to transform the world. More info is available in the Narthex.
IBC will be collecting donations through October.

PRAYING TOGETHER AT IMMANUEL:

Local Mission: Please pray for those in our community experiencing loss, that they do not feel alone. Pray for those afraid for their safety, that they may know comfort. Continue to 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.”

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.”

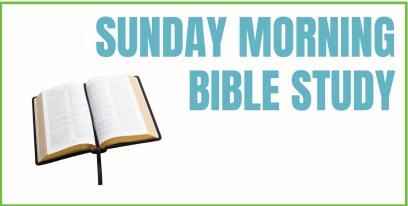
FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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.



WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE ANNUAL
IBC FALL RETREAT!



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THE IMMANUEL COMMUNITY
PREACHING SCHEDULE -OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

NEXT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 1ST:

Rev. Dr. Richard Myers to Preach

November 8th
Rev. Alan Dailey to Preach

November 15th
Rev. Lawrence Hargrave to Preach

November 22nd
Rev. Michael Ford to Preach

November 29th
Michael Marshall to Preach

ECUMENICAL MASS - TUESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

October 27th - 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:
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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.