Into the Presence

Music Reflections and Chiming of the Hour
Words of Welcome and Prayer Requests *Kathleen Robbins*

Call to Worship *Rev. Alan Dailey*
Welcome! Welcome to the burdens we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the hope we nourish!
Come! Let us worship together!
The voice of God calls us to bring all that we are and all that we carry to our worship today!
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God invites us to gather, to receive grace in this gathering, and to center us again to the ways of God!
Come! Let us worship together!
All: We gather as the family of God, bringing all that we are to be molded by grace, refocused towards love and woven together as community in Christ! Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn** **"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"**
see insert

Opening Prayer *Rev. Alan Dailey*
Adapted from Duck, *Bread for the Journey*
Heavenly Lord and author of all life, we come before you this morning knowing that all too often, we fall short of your intentions for us and of our expectations for ourselves. We would touch the world with goodness, but often we withdraw in anxiety and self-concern. We would live with integrity and stand for truth, but we are torn with uncertainties. We would warm the lives of others with our love, but we hesitate, wondering if they will love us in return. We would go about our daily tasks with confidence and joy, but find ourselves struggling with self-doubt. We need your presence O God, if we are to be what we could be and what we want to be. Let our worship today heal us, renew us, strengthen us, that we may go out in joy and be led forth in peace. All this we ask in Jesus name, Amen.

Community Prayers and The Lord's Prayer *Kathleen Robbins*

***Sharing the Gift of Peace to All, Passing the Peace** *Kathleen Robbins*
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 Psalms **Psalm 94: 1-15** *Jan St. Pierre*
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God!

Special Music **"How Great Thou Art"**
a Swedish folk tune; lyrics by Carl Boberg and Stuart K. Hine; X'zaya Ivy, soloist

Gospel Reading **Matthew 23: 1-12**

Sermon **"Can Justice Ever Be The Norm?"** *Rev. Alan Dailey*

Moments for Quiet Reflection

***Hymn #65** **"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"**

Call for the Offering *Kathleen Robbins*

Offertory **"Wonderful Words of Life"**
by Philip P. Bliss

***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** *Kathleen Robbins*
As we make these offerings to you today, teach us how to give as you give, Lord, openly, freely, generously. For it is only when we do, that we find you have replenished what was given and more besides. Yes, your openness, freedom and generosity are far more than we have any right to expect. This we ask in the name of Christ who is our Lord. Amen.

Into the World

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

***Closing Hymn #480** **"Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

***Benediction** *Rev. Alan Dailey*

***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 **"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**
by John Bacchus Dykes; arr. by 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 McDonald Room.

Serving in Worship This Morning:

Our Guest Preacher this morning is **Rev. Alan Dailey.**
Our Host this morning is **Kathleen Robbins.**
Our Reader this morning is **Jan St. Pierre.**
Our Soloist this morning is **X'zaya Ivy.**

Praying together at Immanuel:

Local Mission: Please pray for those in our community experiencing grief and loss, that they do not feel alone. 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 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 and to provide a safe, loving, welcoming environment where everyone can study, grow and heal.*

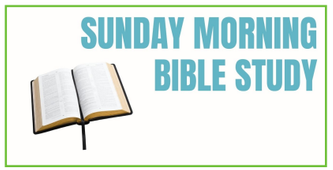
The ***Personal Preparation*** *on the front cover is offered as a doorway to meaningful worship this morning. Sometimes we pray it together and other times we will share it in silence during the morning Prelude. We encourage you to "be still and know" the living God. Immanuel means "God is with us."*

Fellowship Hour

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

Come Join our Bible Study!

9:30 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 -November

Next Sunday - 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

November 10th - Rev. Heidi Tyler to Preach
November 17th - Michael Marshall to Preach
November 24th - Kathleen Robbins to Preach

Join us Every Sunday For In-person or Zoom Worship

at Immanuel beginning at 10:45 am
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Personal Preparation

Any gospel that is not good news to the poor, the oppressed or the least among us is simply not the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jim Wallis, *Sojourners*