



IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*A Brief Statement of Faith
Presbyterian Church (USA)*

MORNING WORSHIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 2, 2020

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Paul Manz

Dr. Stephen E. Carlton, organist

Welcome to our online worship service.

*The order of service is designed for worshipers to participate
in the prayers and hymns from home.*

Please add your voice to our virtual congregation!

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 65 (stzs. 1-2) Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 17:6-7

One: "I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God;

All: "incline Your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show Your steadfast love."

We call upon You, great and gracious God, sometimes unsure that You will answer and sometimes unwilling to hear. We claim Your love for us, but we are reluctant to share it. Answer our confessions with Your grace and forgive us. As You wondrously show Your steadfast love, enable us to attempt the same. By Your mercy, free us to love one another and to will and work for the good of all Your children. Guide us, hold us, heal us; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

*One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.*

All: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

RESPONSE (*the congregation sings*)

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 3:13-17

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

SOLO "Deep River" *African American spiritual*

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. O don't you want go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Colleen Brooks, soloist

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I Want To Be A Christian

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee *Paul Manz*

As we listen to the Offertory, we offer our thanks

for the gifts we receive from the heart and hand of God,

and contemplate how we may offer our gifts to meet the needs of others.

Tithes and offerings may be sent to the church office

or you may make your gift electronically. Please see the options below.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN OF DOXOLOGY 609 (*worshipers sing*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE SCRIPTURES Genesis 32:22-31

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Spirit of Place”

Dr. Block

HYMN 330 Our Help Is in the Name of God (Psalm 124:8) *Old 124th*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE God Be with You till We Meet Again

POSTLUDE Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Paul Manz

“God be with you till we meet again.”

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Jaclyn and Dave Ness
in loving memory of Jaclyn's mother, Marilyn E. Habeck.*

*The floral sprays on the front gates are given to the glory of God by Marge Brindley
in loving memory of her husband, Jim Brindley.*

If you are “visiting” Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 183rd anniversary this year! Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit.

Our on-line worship services now extend our community across the country. Committed to “keeping faith in the city,” Immanuel supports the Interchange Food Pantry and is active with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity and Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground. Global mission projects reach to Zambia and Cuba. Worship is our first priority and education is emphasized for all ages. Contact Associate Pastor Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org) for more information about Immanuel or church membership.

On-line worship will continue at least through Labor Day weekend, based on phase-to-phase gating criteria for reopening churches and our commitment to the health and well-being of all worshipers. The Session meets again on August 4 to continue to assess the current circumstances and, as necessary, adjust plans for worship and education in September. Please communicate your questions, concerns, and suggestions to the Session via the Moderator at deborahblock@immanuelwi.org.

Mr. Ater is on vacation this week.

ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY

We are grateful to Steve Carlton and Colleen Brooks for providing music for today's service. Our liturgist is the Rev. Susi Stoll, who serves as our part-time associate for spiritual care.

MAKING YOUR OFFERING

While we are not worshiping in-person, members and friends of Immanuel Church may continue their giving by:

1. **Mailing a check** to the church office:
1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202
Note in the memo line how you'd like the amount recorded (to your pledge or another offering, like "One Great Hour of Sharing.")
2. **Going to our web site** at:
<https://www.immanuelwi.org/contribute>
3. **Scanning this QR** ("Quick Response") code with your smart phone camera. You will immediately be connected to giving options on the Immanuel web site.
4. **Texting 833-712-0259** (number for Immanuel giving only). Enter the amount in a message bubble and you will receive a registration link for payment information. You will then receive a verification by text and email. The next time you wish to make a gift, simply text that number, enter the amount, and it will be automatically processed.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AT HOME

As "at home" worship continues, worshipers may wish to order a *Glory to God* hymnal or pew Bible to enrich your experience. Details about the hymnal are available at www.glorytogodhymnal.org. The Bibles in our pew racks are the New Revised Standard Version translation (NRSV). This is most often the translation read from the lectern and pulpit. Those whose practice is to read along may want to mark the passages beforehand in the particular copy of the Bible you use at home. Printed copies of the scripture and hymn texts are also provided with the online bulletin.

To view **Tips for Sunday Morning Worship at Home** follow this link:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/ec339c1b001/7a494ca9-1e81-463c-8312-0a4b92379925.pdf>

To purchase a **hard copy of the hymnal** follow this link:

<https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/0664503047/glory-to-god-red-pew-edition-presbyterian.aspx?bCategory=PHYM>

To order a **hard copy of the Bible** follow this link:

<https://www.cokesbury.com/9781565634985-New-Revised-Standard-Version-Pew-Bible?psri=8631827>

Available dates for Chancel flowers: If you would like to donate flowers for the Communion Table on **August 16, 23, or 30** please email Ms. Penington at ipc@immanuelwi.org in the church office.

WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SURVEY

What are you thinking? It's important to us!

This past week a brief survey was sent to members and friends of the congregation via email and mail (to those who have requested communication by hard copy). Please respond if you have not already done so; your responses will help the Session to make decisions regarding worship and Christian education for the coming fall. The elders and ministers would like to hear from as many of you as possible as they discern our way forward in the continuing pandemic environment. Thank you!!!

Teresa Larson begins ministry at Immanuel Church on September 1

On Sunday, July 12 at a specially called virtual Meeting of the Congregation, members of Immanuel Presbyterian Church joyfully and enthusiastically elected Teresa A. Larson to serve as Immanuel's new Associate Pastor. A former teacher, she is a recent graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The focus of her ministry will be multigenerational Christian education and formation and congregational life.

Ms. Larson will relocate to Milwaukee in mid-August and will begin her ministry at Immanuel Church on September 1, 2020. Plans for services of ordination and installation are pending due to pandemic restrictions.

Many thanks to the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee:

*Deborah Anderson, Audra Brennan, Nancy Debbink, Sara Hein (co-chair),
David Johnstone (co-chair), David Plank, and Scott Silet*

CHRIST IN CRISIS:

Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus by Jim Wallis

A timely book discussion for September

Last fall author, theologian and activist Jim Wallis came to Milwaukee and talked with us about his book, *Christ in Crisis*. We had a church-full at Immanuel to hear him. Now we have an opportunity to read his book together and talk with one another about it. The Session has invited the Rev. John Helt to guide this discussion:

"I first read and met Jim in the 1970s, when Sojourners was a new magazine and alternative Christian community in Washington, D.C., and I was a seminarian in St Louis. I have long appreciated his skill in applying a biblical prophetic message to current political issues. He consistently critiques the Church and the Right for forgetting about Jesus and the Left for abandoning its spiritual heritage.

We will be fresh off two national political conventions and moving into the final stretch of a long and ugly political season in September. I cannot imagine a more engaging conversation partner than Jim Wallis for the Immanuel church family next month. I look forward to gathering with you and talking together about the two hot-button topics never to be discussed in polite company: Religion and Politics!"

**Participation will be via Zoom for four Wednesday evenings, September 9, 16,
23 and 30 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. click the following link to sign up:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BACA72BA1F85-online1>

John Helt is a retired United Church of Christ minister, living in Bay View, who has been one of our "pew to pulpit" preachers this past year. He is married to Immanuel member Cindy Helt.

DEMOCRACY MATTERS

Common Ground

Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Campaign

Presbyterians have long valued the engagement of faith and public life. One way Immanuel members and friends are invited to engage as both Christians and citizens in this important election year, is by participating in Common Ground's Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign. The first phase of this non-partisan campaign begins this summer and focuses on **Voter Registration**, specifically registering new voters and re-registering voters who have moved or had a name change.

Want to help?

- Follow this link to check your registration, register, or re-register as needed: <https://commonground.votewisconsin.com/>
- Volunteer to call church members and/or other friends/family,
- Answer the call from an Immanuel volunteer in August and commit to registering/re-registering and spreading the word.

Common Ground (www.commongroundwi.org) is a non-partisan, tri-racial alliance of congregations, schools, nonprofits, small businesses and neighborhood groups with a twelve-year track record of effective, meaningful change in greater Milwaukee. Immanuel is a founding member. Questions about Common Ground or the campaign? Follow the link above or contact a member of Immanuel's Common Ground Core Team: Margaret Crowley (GOTV co-captain), Martha Mainland (GOTV co-captain), Sharon Rose, and Rob Ater.

MIDDAY PRAYER + WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

Take a break + Lift your spirit!

Join Rev. Stoll for a virtual Midday Prayer Service every Wednesday at noon.

"Zoom" access information will be emailed every Tuesday.

"CONVERSATIONS FROM YOUR PORCH"

summer Wednesday evenings

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Several years ago we started a summer series called "Conversations on the Porch." At first, they were gatherings on the Parish House porch. We outgrew the porch and moved inside the church, where it was easier to hear one another and much cooler.

This summer we're offering virtual "porch conversations" on Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 until around 8:00, through the end of August. "Zoom" access information will be emailed each week.

We hope this opportunity will offer a time of connection in a disconnected time, and invite conversation at a time we need to talk -- to mull the issues of the day, meet new church friends, share what you're reading ... Some weeks may have a special focus. One of the ministers will host the conversations each week on Zoom. Pour a glass of lemonade, pull up a chair, and enjoy the company of friends.

PRESBYTERIANS CALLED TO RESPOND TO RACISM

The Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA), J. Herbert Nelson, has urged that when it comes to racism, Presbyterians can “no longer hide behind being too controversial” saying that the church is called to “dismantle structures that put people in poverty and pain.” The PCUSA Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. distributed an “Action Alert” recently to provide a way for Presbyterians to reach out to lawmakers to ask them to address racism in the U.S.

Follow these links to learn more:

Article about the Stated Clerk's statement:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/state-clerk-no-longer-can-we-hide-behind-not-being-controversial/>

Video of Stated Clerk calling for dramatic change for victims of racial violence:

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2020/5/29/stated-clerk-remembers-recent-victims-racial-viole/>

Office of Public Witness “Action Alert”:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/racism-is-a-sin-against-humanity/>

Immanuel has been intentionally engaging conversations on racial justice and understanding white privilege since 2017 and continues that focus in study and action.

Click here for a copy of Immanuel’s

Selected Bibliography on Race

<https://files.constantcontact.com/ec339c1b001/e7309e10-4de2-4f36-a863-187a691861ce.pdf>

Anti-Racism resources from *The Thoughtful Christian* – PCUSA Store

[https://mailchi.mp/thethoughtfulchristian/1140931-1141236?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/thethoughtfulchristian/1140931-1141236?e=[UNIQID])

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Check www.immanuelwi.org to find out more!

TODAY		EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	10:00	Morning Worship online, Dr. Block preaching	
	11:15	Virtual Coffee Hour	
Monday	4:00	Confirmation class “Exploration in Faith”	
Tuesday	12:00	Stewardship Committee meeting	
	5:45	Meeting of the Session	
Wednesday	12:00	Midday Virtual Prayer Service	
	7:00-8:00	“Conversations from Your Porch” hosted by Dr. Block	
NEXT SUNDAY		NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	10:00	Morning Worship online, Ms. Stoll preaching	
	11:15	Virtual Coffee Hour	
August 12	12:00	Midday Virtual Prayer Service	
	7:00	“Conversations from Your Porch” hosted by Mr. Ater	

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