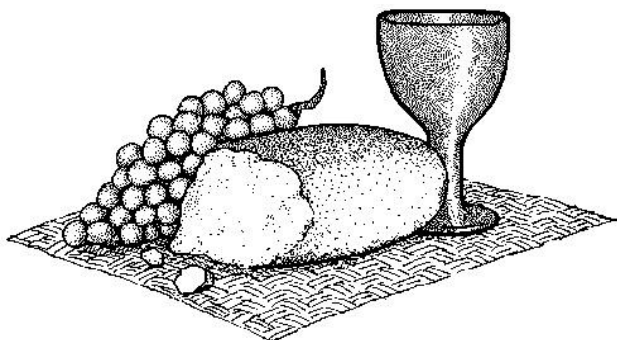


W E L C O M E



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6th, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome church and visitors on the live channels!
- Church Council meets Tuesday, April 8, at 5pm
- The last Lenten Dinner is next Thursday, April 10, at 6 pm. See the signup sheet for side dishes. The Women are sponsoring. Bring a friend!
- All Ages Sunday School meets next Sunday, at 9 am
Invite youth to our new Sunday class.
- Holy Week starts next Sunday. Special services will be on Holy Thursday and Friday (6pm) and Easter Sunday (6:15, 10 am)
- Egg Hunt is on Easter Sunday, after the service. We need candy and egg fillers.
- Easter Lillies sign-up sheet is on the table
- Happy Anniversaries?
- Happy Birthdays?

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER (The Book of Worship, 1944)

Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIPⁱ

We come to worship, remembering God's goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.

We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief, and wondering when relief will come.

We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

We come to worship to remember and remind one another that God's love has never left us, and God's joy cannot be extinguished.

God, restore us that we know your love and your joy once again.

We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us. **God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen.**

♪ TFWS 2049 God is Here Today

SHARING YOUR JOYS

CHILDREN'S TIME

♪ UMH 394 Something Beautiful

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (ALL PLEASE JOIN)

Gracious and Loving God, as we open Your Holy Word, we seek Your divine presence to guide us. Illuminate our hearts and minds with the light of Your truth. May Your Spirit move within us, opening our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts to receive the message You have for us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READ¹: Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

³ The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb!

⁵ May those who sow in tears

reap with shouts of joy!
6 He that goes forth weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 3:4-7

GOSPEL READING: John 12:1-8

(all who are able are invited to stand)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Laz'arus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Laz'arus was one of those at table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. 7 Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. 8 The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

SERMON: Between Laughter and Sorrow

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for Your faithfulness and love. Just as You restored the fortunes of Zion and turned their sorrow into joy, we trust in Your power to bring restoration to our own lives. Thank You for the promise that those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. Lord, help us to

hold onto that hope in times of struggle, knowing that You are always working for our good. May our lives be a testimony to Your grace and goodness, and may we never cease to give You the glory for the blessings You bring. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

(Please provide in writing. Names will be on the list for one month, unless otherwise notified.)

For healing:

Ann Decomo
Bob Bakeoven
Leroy MacNeil (Bo)
Charles Bennett
Chris Turner
Jim Barnette
Josephine West
Michael Messersmith
Michelle Hoffmaster
Mike Dulin
Nadia Schlothauer
Rick Bassett
Robie Weber
Yvonne Quimby and family

Peace & Comfort:

Frank Austin's family
Dorothy Capel and family
Joe Bryant's family
Jim Lyon's family
Roy Castle's family

Other prayers:

For the homeless & needy, for safety
Our nation, for peace
Safety of our schools

♪ UMH 374 Standing on The Promises

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another. [*All pray in silence*]

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

THE OFFERING TIME (incl. Special Offering)

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.



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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (UMH p. 15-16)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13, KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name...

BENEDICTION

Join us for refreshments at the fellowship hall

Participant/s at today's service (Thank you!):

Announcer: Janet Akers

Worship Leader: -----

Reader: Jo Hill-Kittle

Pianist: Sue Leonard

Attendance/Virtual Views last Sundays:

At church:	3/30: TBD	3/23: 37	3/16: 35	3/9: 30
Facebook/YouTube	3/30: 15/3	3/16: 17/6	3/16: 9/1	3/9: NA

Scan QR code and visit Immanuel's webpage.



DAILY READING

APRIL 2025: Assurance of Hope in Christ Jesus

- 6 John 11:17–27
- 7 John 11:28–44
- 8 John 11:45–57
- 9 John 12:1–11
- 10 Luke 18:18–43
- 11 Luke 19:1–10
- 12 Luke 19:11–27
- 13 Luke 19:28–48

¹All Scriptures from the NIV Version Bible, unless otherwise indicated.

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2025 Calendar of Mayor Events

Men's Breakfast	Saturdays, last of each month
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday, March 5, 7p
IGNITE Youth Conference	March 7-9, 2025, Ocean City, MD
Lenten Dinner	Thursdays, March 13th to April 10th
Joint Confirmation class w. Bryan/JW	Saturdays March 15 –29; 4/19-4/26
Palm Sunday	Sunday, April 13, 10 am
Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday, April 17th, 6pm
Good Friday "Way of The Cross"	April 18, 6pm; starts in the parking lot
Easter Sunrise Service	Sunday, April 20, 6:15 am
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 20, 10 am
VBS Pre-registration	Sunday April 20
241 th Pen-Del Annual Conf., Ocean City	May 20 – May 23, 2025
Vacation Bible School	July 17 to 20
Labor Day Parade	Monday, Sept. 1
Movie Night	Dates to announce
Coffee House	Dates to announce
"Noah" Trip to Lancaster, \$180 fee due 8/1.	September 18, 7:30
Coffee House w. Bryan Church	September, date to announce
Charge Conference 2025	DS to assign date
Pet's Day	October , date to announce
Trunk or Treat	October 31 st , 6pm
Candlelight Service	Tuesday, December 24 th 8pm

More Notes:

ⁱ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024.