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APRIL 07, 2024

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

PRELUDE

“Prelude in F”

Flor Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

One: We are created for relationships with God, with other people and with all sentient beings throughout all the universe. So, we declare the truth:

All: We are created for community!

One: We are siblings with all people everywhere, whoever they love, however they worship!

So, we affirm the reality:

All: We are created for community!

One: We rejoice in our spiritual unity with all humanity. So, we are grateful to God:

All: We are created for community!

OPENING HYMN

“We Are Your People”

(verses 1, 2 and 6)

New Century 309

WHITFIELD

UNISON PRAYER

Martha Londergan

God of grace, Jesus our Teacher and Friend, Spirit of God our Guide in Life, we grieve that the church which bears the name of Jesus, is often a broken communion in a broken world.

*Whether in body or spirit, please rise*
The Church spans all time, every place, every language and race, but out of fear we have fled from and split with one another, and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole. Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work that you bless us with joy, with growth and with signs of unity. One sign of our spiritual union is that we use words attributed to Jesus in our praying. 

*The Lord’s Prayer*  
Martha Londergan

Our **(Father, Mother, Creator, Abba), 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Please use a version you are comfortable with**

*Sign of Peace*  
Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

_In these moments, offer the sign of peace, a fist bump, a handshake, or if you want a hug or even a smile. Let us greet each other in Christian love._

Children are invited forward for the _Song of Praise._

*Song of Praise*  

“This Little Light of Mine”

_This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (repeat twice)_

_Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine._

Children are invited to _Christian Kids! Church School_ following the _Song of Praise._

*Scripture reading:  John 13: 21-30 NRSVUE*  
Martha Londergan

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining close to his heart, Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going
to do.” Now no one knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival,” or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

**Message**

Who Is Sitting Next To You?

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

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**Mission Moment**

**Call to the Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

“Assurance”

_Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!_

_O what a foretaste of glory divine!_

_Heir of salvation, purchase of God,_

_Born of His Spirit, washed in His love._

_This is my story, this is my song,_

_Praising my Savior, all the day long;_

_This is my story, this is my song,_

_Praising my Savior, all the day long._

_Perfect submission, all is at rest,_

_I in my savior am happy and blest,_

_Watching and waiting, looking above,_

_Filled with His goodness, lost in His love._

_This is my story, this is my song,_

_Praising my Savior, all the day long;_

_This is my story, this is my song,_

_Praising my Savior, all my life long._

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**Doxology**

_Praise God from whom all blessings flow_

_Praise God all creatures here below,_

_Praise God for all that love has done._

_Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen._
THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

All people are welcome to receive communion at Immanuel.
If you require a deacon to come to you with communion, please raise your hand when others are coming forward.

INVITATION

HYMN
“I Come With Joy”
(verses 1 and 3) New Century 349

A RESPONSIVE COMMUNION PRAYER
Pastor: We gather at this communion table spiritually united in our faith in our Teacher and Spiritual Guide, Jesus. We are joined with all of those throughout time and across all places around the world where faithful people gather to recall their collective memories of Jesus’ teaching and life example. We will do as he instructed us, and as he showed us at his last supper. We will take the elements, bless them, and share them with each other.
People: As we are doing this, we give ourselves to God and to one another in love.
Pastor: This is the welcome table of God where all who seek the grace of God are embraced. Come now for we are invited to share in this holy mystery, Come!
People: We are ready!
Pastor: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life! All who come to me will not hunger and all who trust in me will never be thirsty.”
People: We are hungry and thirsty, so we come to the place of hospitality and nourishment!
Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it and offered it in thanksgiving, saying:
People: “Take and eat. This represents my body, which is given for you. Do this and remember my life and teaching, my sacrificial love.”
Pastor: In the same way, Jesus took the cup, blessed it and offered the cup in thanksgiving, saying:
People: Take and drink this. It represents my life, which is poured out to create a new covenant of grace and forgiveness. As often as you drink it, remember my life example.
Pastor: Now let us pray: Come Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to the wonder of Christ’s presence in these ordinary things and in our ordinary lives. May they be the very essence of the Living One, the Risen One, in whose memory we pray. Through the bread of life:
People: We participate in the Body of Christ.
Pastor: Through the cup of blessing and salvation:
People: We participate in the new life God gives us.
Pastor: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Come to this feast because everything is ready!

Sharing of the Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving
All: Gracious and Loving God, you have made us one in the Body of Christ and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our spiritual hunger and relieving our thirst for encounter with the Spirit. Now send us out into the world to do the work that you have given us to do: To find the lost and lonely ones, to heal the broken souls, to feed the poor and lift up the oppressed, to seek justice and encourage those who hold power to be compassionate. Give us the strength to proclaim in all we say and do your good news of love and generosity. Amen

*Closing Hymn
“You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”
(verses 1 and 4)

New Century 181
BRING FORTH

*Benediction

Postlude
“Cortège”

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for fair trade coffee and refreshments.

We welcome all to our worship service today.

We hope you receive the spiritual nourishment you seek for coming out to worship. Please know that if you are a first-time visitor, we especially welcome you. If you are a returning member or visitor, know that we welcome you among us again. Please fill out the pew card before you, drop it in the offering plate, or hand it to any usher or member following our services today. Again, we say welcome!
**Flower Sponsors**
The flowers at the organ this morning are given by Rob Biddleman and Dan Sullivan in memory of our Immanuel family members who passed away in the last year.

**Pastoral Care Available**
Pastoral care is readily available from our Pastoral Care Ministry team, including Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush, Minister Tracy Gormley, Gene Flynn, Carlotta Parr and Kristen Boucher. If you would like a confidential one-on-one conversation or prayer, a member of our team is available to provide a listening ear. You are also encouraged to please contact the church office, immanuel06105@gmail.com, 860-527-8121, to set up a phone, Zoom or in-person visit.

**In Our Prayers**
*If you have a prayer request, please notify the Church Office, immanuel06105@gmail.com, 860-527-8121, or contact Rev. Dr. Jay or Minister Tracy.*

**Joys:** For the joy of being together in worship. For our April birthdays and anniversaries.

**Ongoing Concerns:** for Carolyn Tasillo, Jim Kew, Cathy and Ed B., Mike Boutin, Janelle Martinez, Dick Brown, Krista Lawrence, Cori Mackey, Rev. Ruth Maedel, Jen, Otis and Cali, Brooks and Carol Lee Joslin, John Mark Pettyjohn, Karen C., and Bob and Jean Hafner. For the war against Ukraine and the war in the Middle East to end so that these people can live in peace and rebuild their lives.

**Grieving:** Carolyn Lester for the death of her sister Barbara, for the Gillette family, for the families and friends of Lynn Johnson, Margeux Hayes, Don Hughlett, Mark Zito, Marlene Hoerle and Steve Holtz.

For those who serve, for our neighbors, for creation, for the United Church of Christ and for our partner communities.

**TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS AFTER THIS MORNING’S SERVICE**

**Special Congregational Meeting**
The Council of Immanuel Congregational Church, UCC, 10 Woodland Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06105, calls a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, April 7, 2024, to begin immediately following the 10am worship service, to accept the Council’s recommendation to enter into a contract and proceed with the sale of 360 Farmington Avenue. The meeting will be in-person and streamed live on Immanuel’s Facebook page at facebook.com/iccucc.
Following the Congregational meeting:
Second Hour Program: Responding to Climate Change in Kenya and Zimbabwe

Anita Achieng’ Odhiambo and Evans Nyamadzawo, our two interns attending Hartford International University, will speak at a Second Hour on April 7th on how climate change is impacting Kenya and Zimbabwe.

Anita, who is from Kenya, attended Kenyatta University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health. She was at the forefront of the “Care of Creation” project, which planted 1.2 million seedlings in primary schools in Kenya. Evans Nyamadzawo, who is from Zimbabwe, studied at universities in Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Switzerland, and Italy and has been the recipient of several fellowships and awards. These include the Young Adults Training for Religious Amity and the John Paul Center for Interreligious Dialogue. His dream is to establish an African center for intercultural and interreligious understanding.

Another successful Easter Sunday bake sale

Thank you to all the bakers and buyers who made Easter Sunday’s second annual Bake Sale an enormous success. This year your generosity raised $955 for our beloved church. This represents an approximate 24% increase over last year’s amount.

Calling All Gardeners

The Flower Committee is planning a spring cleanup of the gardens and plantings around Immanuel and we need your help. We will be cleaning up debris from the winter, weeding and cutting back bushes. No experience necessary. Just bring whatever garden tools and gloves you have and join us (we will have extra tools on hand). It is a fun activity and we always provide delicious refreshments as an extra incentive!!

DATE: Saturday, April 13th – Rain Date – Saturday, April 20th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.
Please let Judi Gilligan know if you can join us – judith.gilligan@gmail.com

Upcoming Second Hour: Slideshow Tour of our church on April 28th

The Immanuel Church building is turning 125 this year. What better time than now to see the results of a recent building inspection. In late February, Tiger Home and Building Inspections performed an inspection of our church. Our own Keith Powell was one of four inspectors. On Sunday, April 28th, he will present a slide show of some 300 pictures that were taken of every part of the church. Come see the many beautiful parts of our church, some dusty and not so beautiful parts, and lots of things most people never see (think basements, crawl spaces, attics above the dome, and from the sky!), all presented with a perspective from the eyes of inspectors, and with a little humor.
The Deacons Invite You To An

All-Church Brunch

April 14, 2024

Following the 10:00 a.m. Service

Immanuel Congregational Church

It’s time to gather and enjoy each other’s company in Fellowship Hall.

Food will be provided by the Deacons!

SAVE THE DATE!

April 27, 2024 Concert for the Earth at Immanuel

1) Purchase tickets at this link:
https://www.bit.ly/ConcertForTheEarth

2) Be an Earth Steward Donor to support Immanuel’s Green Fund to lower the church’s carbon footprint!
Contributions accepted until 4/19.
Bronze Level - $100
Silver Level - $300
Gold Level - $500

3) Send a check to Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT, 06105, made payable to Immanuel Congregational Church, with “Concert Earth” written in the memo line, or pay online at https://www.iccucc.org/give, and note “Concert Earth.”

4) Tickets will be for sale in Fellowship Hall on 4/7, 4/14, and 4/21 after the worship service.

Earth Steward Donors will receive VIP seating and be recognized in the Concert for the Earth Program.
Memorial Service for beloved Immanuel friend Lynn Johnson

A memorial service for Lynn Johnson has been scheduled for May 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Quaker Meeting House, located at 144 South Quaker Lane in West Hartford. Immanuel members are welcome to attend and may contribute finger foods for the reception. FOOD MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS!

The Bible Study group will begin reading a new book, The Book of Ruth, from the Hebrew Bible

The Bible Study will be led by Dan Kueper, who has a Master’s degree in Theological Studies. It will take place at 8:30am every Sunday, starting on March 24th. Bible Study group discussion is always spirited, with no question off-limits! Contact the Church Office, immanuel06105@gmail.com, or Dan at dkueper.ia@gmail.com to find out more!

Walk Against Hunger—DONATE and WALK!

Join our team - Immanuel Walkers in the Walk Against Hunger, Saturday, May 4th starting at 9:30 AM at Dunkin’ Stadium. Foodshare will allocate every penny of our team’s donations to Loaves and Fishes.

We hope you will WALK!

This year we are hoping many of us will walk in addition to donating. It’s a fun way to talk to our Immanuel friends. Pre-pandemic, as many as 60 people from Immanuel walked, creating a real Immanuel presence. Join our team at the stadium, and Walk with us – the whole route is 1.5 miles.

We hope you will DONATE!
1. You can drop off your donation (Cash or Check) at the table in Fellowship Hall.
2. You can put check in the collection plate putting Walk in the memo line.
3. You can donate on the Immanuel Web site by clicking on “Give Online” and writing Walk in the comment box.
4. Or you can go to www.donate.ctfoodshare.org . Click donate now. Select amount. Type in Immanuel Walkers in the Search box.

Hunger continues to be a serious problem in Connecticut. Let’s walk together to help our neighbors.
To celebrate Immanuel’s 200th Anniversary this year, we have invited renowned civil rights leader, Bishop William Barber II, to speak on Sunday, May 5th at 3pm. See the church website for more details.

Sunday with the Artist

In the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorists attacks, the Red Cross created “Facing Fear: Helping Young People Deal with Terrorism and Tragic Events”

As part of the curriculum, I was asked to suggest music that would calm, uplift, energize and aid young people as they face trauma.

Please join me, Bob Willard, on Sunday, April 28th at 4pm in the parlor. I’d love to share this music with you!
This Week at Immanuel

Sunday — April 7th
8:30am  Bible Study
9:00am  Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00am ICC Communion Worship, including Christian Kids! Church School
10:00am Riverfront Church Worship
11:05 Special Congregational Meeting
11:30am Second Hour Presentation in the Parlor: How Climate Change is Affecting Africa
5:30pm Youth Group

Monday — April 8th
4:00pm Hartford’s Proud Drum Corp Rehearsal
7:00pm Zoom Board of Finance
7:00pm Music Director Interview

Tuesday — April 9th
9:00am Zoom South Marshall Street Interfaith Coalition Meeting
11:30am ICC Staff Meeting
4:00pm Hartford’s Proud Drum Corp Rehearsal
7:00pm Music Director Interview
7:00pm Zoom Board of Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday — April 10th
4:00pm Hartford’s Proud Drum Corp Rehearsal
7:00pm Music Director Interview

Thursday — April 11th
4:00pm Hartford’s Proud Drum Corp Rehearsal
5:00pm Social Action and Mission Committee Meeting
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday — April 13th
8:00am Killam & Bassette Kitchen Rental
3:00pm Charter Oak/Agora Cultural Centers Concert
9:00am Spring Garden Cleanup at Immanuel

Sunday — April 14th
8:30am Bible Study
9:00am Y’all Come Drop In Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Worship, including Christian Kids! Church School
11:15am Deacon Sponsored Sunday Brunch in Fellowship Hall
IMPORTANT UPDATE ON CHURCH OFFICE FROM DR. JAY

I want to give you all an update on the new realities in our church office since the departure of Sue Fisher, our former Administrator. We have now put into place a cadre of volunteers who are offering their time and talents to get us through this time of change until we have a new church Administrator. I am pleased to tell you:

Larry Paterno is assuming responsibilities of temporary Office Manager. He is reachable through the immanuel06105@gmail.com email account. He is handling day to day responsibilities, producing bulletins and other publications, along with email communications and e-blasts. He is the principal go to person for all things that used to go to and through Sue.

In addition, the following people have taken on parts of Sue’s responsibilities. Marilyn Holt will update the website and Facebook and handle some aspects of publicity. Cecile Gilson will handle some of the financial things like processing mail and payables. John Scully will manage the church database. Gretchen Hathaway will coordinate with outside groups renting and using our facilities.

We are also fortunate to have several people who have volunteered to spend a few hours each day in the office answering the phone, greeting people at the doors and other routine tasks like photocopying and getting messages to staff.

We have a very talented and dedicated group of members! They have stepped up to offer time and skill out of love for this church. I ask all of us to be patient during this time over the next several months as we have these accommodations in place and then transition to a new Administrator. We will keep you updated about the search process. We are receiving applications (and are beginning to screen them) and will be selecting some for interviews. Please hold the staff and our great team of volunteers in your prayers.

ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH ARE MINISTERS!

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