

*Keeping Silence and Entering God's Presence*+ Katie McKown

**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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*\*Musical Call to Worship* Hymn 601

***Oh How I Love Jesus***

*Spoken Call to Worship\*\** Christina Crice

Holy God, in reverent awe, we come to worship you!  
**We gather to honor and glorify God's almighty name.**

Righteous God, we rejoice as we come to worship you!  
**We gather to celebrate God's power over the forces of evil.**

Faithful God, with thankfulness, we come to worship you!  
**We gather to sing praises to the God in whom we trust. Amen.**

*Song of Joy* Audrianna Hughes, Soloist

***He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*** Bonds

*Old Testament Reading* Linda Thompson

**Psalm 98:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

<sup>2</sup>The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup>at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and under are now dismissed to Children's Worship*

*\*Hymn of Praise* Hymn 272

***They'll Know We Are Christians***

*\*Presenting Tithes and Gifts*  
Offertory Prayer Madeline Peck

*Instrumental Offertory* Malissa Heath, Organ

***I Am Thine, O Lord*** Arr. by David Hegarty

*\*Response* Old 100<sup>th</sup>

***DOXOLOGY***  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***  
***Praise Him, all creatures here below;***  
***Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;***  
***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Gospel Reading* Karen McBee

**John 15:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Choral Anthem* Sanctuary Choir  
Audrianna Hughes, Soloist

***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*** Arr. by Nick Robertson

*Proclaiming the Word* Katie McKown

***A Friend Request from Jesus***

*\*Responding to Grace* Hymn 235

***Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

*\*Benediction* ~ Katie McKown

We have sung, we have prayed,  
we have worshiped together.  
**Now we go back out into the world.**  
We came together to build relationships,  
**relationships with each other,**  
**and our relationship with Jesus.**  
We go out as people who are strengthened by our connections  
**Ready to love and to serve.**  
**Ready to carry God's love to the world.**  
As you journey through the ups and the downs of the coming week,  
**let us remember that God, who has invited us into relationship,**  
**is always with us.**  
Go with God, as the people of God.  
**So be it! Amen.**

*\*Departing* Malissa Heath, Organ

***Lord God of Hosts*** Morley

The scripture readings today are taken from the NRSV Bible.

†Worship Care is available for infants and toddlers through age 3.

\*Please stand, as you are able.

+ Posted in *Hearing the Parables with the Early Church* on the **Baylor University** website

\*\* Written by Joan Stott, based on Psalm 98. Posted on **The Timeless Psalms**

~ Posted by Rev Gord on his blog, **Worship Offerings**

***Meet our guest soloist, Audrianna Hughes***

*Audrianna Hughes, mezzo-soprano, is a Paducah, KY native who has found her passion for teaching and performing music. Her passion for music sprouted from McNabb Elementary School, Paducah Middle School, and Paducah Tilghman High School. She then received her B.M. Vocal Music Education degree at Murray State University in 2022 where she studied with Dr. Randall Black. Over the past two years, Audrianna has performed with Paducah Singers, instructed the PTHS Color Guard, substitute taught in the PPS district and interned with the Paducah Symphony Orchestra Youth Choir.*

## This Week at Immanuel

### Sunday, May 5

Christian Education for All Ages.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.

### Tuesday, May 7

Body Recall (Fellowship Hall) .....10:00 a.m.  
Men's Night Basketball (Gym) ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 8

Bazaar Work Day ..... 1:00 p.m.  
Youth Gathering - Ice Cream Feast (Youth Café) ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Music Committee Meeting..... 5:00 p.m.  
Friendship International (Conference Room)..... 5:45 p.m.  
IBC Moms Group..... 6:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Adult Handbells..... 7:15 p.m.

### Thursday, May 9

Friendship International (Conference/Commons Rooms) .....9:00 a.m.

### Saturday, May 11

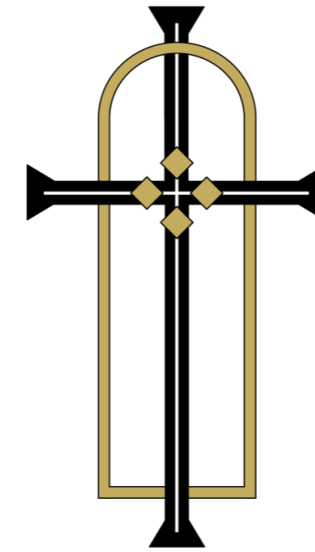
Baby Sprinkle honoring Peter & Taylor Gardner..... 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### Sunday, May 12

Christian Education for All Ages.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.



May 19, 2024  
will be a day  
of celebration at  
Immanuel!  
We'll be honoring  
our 2024 graduates  
and celebrating  
Pentecost!  
We invite everyone  
to wear red  
to church!



## Immanuel Baptist Church

Gathered for Worship  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024

### *Reflecting*

Love can break your heart. (I think it's probably in the fine print.)

Blessed are you, whose ability to love crosses differences and divides that would keep others apart.

Whose love advocates for weakness and fragility. Soft heartedness and "Are you okay?"

You who know that this kind of life-expanding love will cost you something, maybe everything.

Blessed are you, whose heart has grown three sizes.

Regardless.

You who push through the fear of intimacy, the fear of loss, the fear of all the unknowns and love still.

Blessed are we, loving beyond our limits. Loving when it doesn't make sense. Loving without any lifetime guarantees. Loving when it might break our hearts.

That is, of course, the best thing about you: Your great big heart.

Kate Bowler

### *Chiming of the Hour*

### *Greeting and Announcements*

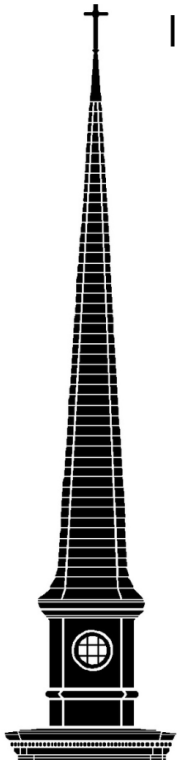
Tim Franklin

### *†Preparing our Hearts*

Malissa Heath, Organ

*Savior, Redeemer of My Soul*

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