

# Here's what's happening!

Throughout the Bible the people of God often struggled with great challenges. We are familiar with the story of Moses and the story of the Exodus. Another major story in the Old Testament is Israel's defeat and exile at the hands of the Babylonians. In New Testament times, it was Rome who conquered and controlled Israel for many years. Today it is a virus that threatens us, creates fear, steals hope, and seeks to hold us captive. Yet, God is still present among us, God still listens to our prayers, hears our praise and instills hope and life. So, we, the Church, the Body of Christ in our time and place, are called to continue to witness to the power and love of God. As some have said, our churches may be empty on Easter morning, but so was the tomb of Christ!

**So, we at Immanuel are going to celebrate the crucifixion and Resurrection!  
Here is the good news!**

## Wednesday Night Check-in and Worship

- During our time of isolation and social distancing, we will gather via Zoom on Wednesday nights for our member and friend check-in and time of prayer.
- It will begin at 8:00 P.M.
- We will use the Sunday Morning Zoom Link.

## Good Friday

- Plans are being made to for Immanuel to offer something electronically on Good Friday.
- Details have not been finalized at this time, but they will likely include music shared by our church musicians, scripture, prayer, and more.
- Please check our website in the coming days for an announcement about what is being planned.
- An announcement and invite with links will also be offered in our Friday Happenings.

# Easter

- We will be hosting an in-car worship on our parking lot on Easter morning.
  - With guidance from Mike Starling of WHCP our very local radio station, an AM transmitter, which will allow to us to hear the worship through our AM car radio has been purchased (> \$250) from a company in the US and will be shipped to us later this week.
  - We are also looking into the legality and availability of a FM transmitter.
  - If neither of the transmitters are available or functional, we will do our best to locate speakers to broadcast our worship to the cars in our parking lot.
  - If anyone has experience with these methods, please contact Pastor Dale or Keith Malkus.
- We will broadcast the worship through the Zoom Link as well for those would prefer to worship from their homes.
- All worshippers **MUST** stay in their car. Repeat, all worshippers must stay in their cars.
  - A very limited number of people are allowed outside of their cars to lead worship or serve in other ways. Our worship leaders/ushers are not allowed to serve communion, collect an offering, or otherwise come within six feet of people in cars.
  - Arrangements will be made for bulletins to be picked up at a table from your car.
  - Arrangements will also be made for worshippers to drop off an offering.
- We will be celebrating communion.
  - However, we will not be distributing communion elements.
  - We have tried to purchase prepackaged, individual serving communion elements, but they are on back order.
  - Therefore, we are asking you to bring your own communion elements (bread and grape juice).
  - Please remember open containers of alcohol in our vehicles are illegal. We urge you to bring grape juice.
- We will share this announcement with the local Health Department and Sheriff's Office in order to be sure we are safe and legal in all ways.
- Let's pray for reasonable weather on Easter morning!
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## About Zoom

- Zoom has had some security issues. In light of this, we are making an effort to keep the software up to date with the latest versions, we are requiring a password (included in our link information) and we are not publishing our Meeting ID and password on social media.
- Even though we are not publishing our worship and meeting links on our website and social media, you are strongly encouraged to share our worship links with other members, friends, and family.
- We are also sending the links, via email, to just about anyone who requests to join us for our online worship services. Please share this invite as well. Links will be shared by contacting [pastor@immanuelucc.com](mailto:pastor@immanuelucc.com) or [info@immanuelucc.com](mailto:info@immanuelucc.com) .

## Zoom Link

- All our worship services and meetings will now be held on one Zoom Meeting.
- These worship services and meetings can be accessed on any device that connects to the internet.
- These worship services can also be accessed on simple, regular, non-smart phones too. Simply dial in on 301 715 8592, or one of the phone numbers provided below. The connection functions like a conference call allowing participants to hear what is going on and contribute to the meeting too.
- The link provided by Zoom looks like this:
  - Topic: Immanuel United Church of Christ Sunday Worship
  - Join Zoom Meeting
  - <https://zoom.us/j/147979631?pwd=Y3hkK2xpZVF6T0hDdmZhVFQwb1Jqdz09>
  - Meeting ID: 147 979 631
  - Password: 014534
  
  - One tap mobile
  - +16465588656,,147979631# US (New York)
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  - Dial by your location
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    - +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
    - +1 301 715 8592 US
    - +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
    - +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
    - +1 253 215 8782 US
- Meeting ID: 147 979 631
- Password: 014534
- Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/arqxlrvEK>

## Some More Stuff

- We hope to soon have a phone chain and do a better job of pastoral care.
- We have not forgotten our children and youth and are considering ways we can care for them as well as adults.
- If we do not have your email or other current contact information, please leave a message on the church answering machine (410 228 4640) or our office email [info@immanuelucc.com](mailto:info@immanuelucc.com)
- Many of our updates have been delivered through our weekly Happenings articles sent out on Friday. If you do not receive the notifications, please notify the office at the contacts above.
- Please note, currently, Janice, our church Office Administrator, is not in the office. Pastor Dale is in the office as much as possible but is not always able to answer the phone or return messages immediately. If you have an emergency, feel free to call or text Pastor Dale at 443 340 0509.
- The work of the church continues, and your church leaders continue to address important issues in our church life. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

## We Still Have Palms



The palms are sitting outside of our front doors.  
Feel free to share the pals with your family and friends  
And thank Florals Unique for supplying them!

## In Closing

Watch our web page for information and updates and decisions about worship in the weeks to come.

Concerns, joys, and celebrations, as always, are welcome, feel free to contact pastor Dale.



*Behind the scenes at Palm Sunday Worship!*

Its not the same without you there.



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