

# IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 26, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.



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**Administrative Assistant:** Janie Meinschein

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**Our Vision?** *"To grow a vibrant church by sharing Christ with the community . . ."*

**Our Mission?** *"To invite, inspire, involve, increase . . ."*

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

Keith Deig

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF GREETING**

Bobbie Hoebeke

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bobbie Hoebeke

L: The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

**P: We come celebrating the new life offered to us through the resurrection of Jesus.**

L: Let us ring forth our joy through the universe. May God's vision be our vision.

**P: Joyful, we come together to worship! Praise God for this day!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #69**

*"Standing on the Promises"*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Bobbie Hoebeke

**God of all creation, you know us completely and you call us into the future. When we fail to seek our New Life in you, please forgive us. Help us hone our vision to see the good you would have us do. May we stand firm on the promises you offer us, confident that your love and guidance will touch and lead us onward. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Bobbie Hoebeke

We remember that God loves us with a tender, understanding heart.

He is closer to us than the very breath we breathe.

Thanks be to God!

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

OPEN

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Wendi Nelson

Silent Prayer ~ Pastoral Prayer ~ Lord's Prayer

**SERVICE OF GIVING**

Offertory

**\*Response # 382**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)**

Bobbie Hoebeke

**One and eternal God, we respond to you with joy as we lift up our tithes and offerings. The opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are thankful. May these gifts and our hands help accomplish your mission on earth and in our corner of the world. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE – Philippians 4:4-9**

Bobbie Hoebeke

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

**HYMN #495**

***“It Is Well with My Soul”***

**SERMON**

**“Held in the Mystery: Trusting God Beyond Understanding”**

Wendi Nelson

**\*CLOSING HYMN #439**

***“Sweet Hour of Prayer”***

**\*BENEDICTION**

Wendi Nelson

**\*BENEDICTION SONG**

**Lord of Life, Lord of Love, Walk forever beside us,  
Day by Day, Show the Way, With your Vision to guide us.  
Striving to Follow Your Will and Way, Nothing can divide us,  
Lord of Life, Lord of Love, Walk forever beside us.**

**POSTLUDE**

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	<b>Today</b>	<b>May 2</b>
Lay Reader	Bobbie Hoebeke	Bret Baldwin
Ushers/Greeters:	Chris Moers	OPEN
Pianist/Organist:	Beth Folz	Gail Angel

## OUR IMMANUEL UCC PRAYER LIST

### *\*Members of Immanuel*

*\*Charles Behrick      \*David Behrick      \*Janice Jones      \*Dan Riddle*  
*Rick Ferguson      Kiersten Ferguson-Cremin      David Frye      Norma Houghton*  
*Tom Howard      Denis Lambrech      Kenny Meinschein      Mildred Taylor*  
*Teresa Topper      Ken Willett      Eli Williams*



**WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS!**

We invite you to sign our Guest Book, located in the Narthex.

### **Today we welcome Wendi Nelson - Worship**

I have been married for 25 years and have 3 children, ages 23, 20 and 8.

I also has 4 cats. I love God's people.

I enjoy family, teaching and also learning. I enjoy making art and music.

My favorite season is Fall, except it seems to keep getting shorter!

I volunteer with For the Love of Africa Ministries  
and have been to Uganda twice.

I am the Kids ministry leader at The Oasis.

I teach fitness classes at the YMCA.

I am credentialed as a minister of the Gospel through the Assemblies of God;  
ordained through NACM. I will be graduating May 2026 with a BA in Biblical  
Studies with a Pastoral Ministry Major.

**Next Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we welcome:**

**Rev. Robert Walker - Worship & Communion**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due in the office TODAY.



LUNCH BUNCH  
Will meet at  
**Zaps in St. Phillips**  
Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 noon  
Everyone is invited to attend



**Gentle Exercise Class**  
**designed for 40+**

Every **Thursday morning at 9:30** am in the Fellowship Hall

Breath & Movement 45 mins~

Discussion on creating a positive mindset 15 min~

Led by De Brown, certified Yoga Instructor and Immanuel UCC member!

\*Suggested donation: \$5-

**Paint Night**

**Fri. May 8th 6pm**  
**Immanuel United**  
**Church of Christ**  
**5812 Ford Road**  
**Mt Vernon, IN**  
**All ages welcome**

Registration required:  
Call/Text: 812-858-3082  
Email: [info@foundryarts.org](mailto:info@foundryarts.org)

**the FOUNDRY**  
CENTER FOR THE ARTS

## THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

**May Newsletter articles are due in the office today**

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

**TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup>**

**WED 29<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch

**THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. Exercise Class

**FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup>**

**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting



*April 27 – Kaylee Friedman*

*May 3 – Gail Angel*