



Welcome to Worship at Immanuel
Pastor Kevin Muyskens
April 10, 2022

World Renew joins in the deep global concern for the Ukrainian people following Russia's intensified military occupation of their country on February 24. While we do not have a presence in Ukraine, we are working with our global partners in the region to respond to the needs of vulnerable Ukrainian families. We ask for your prayers and support.

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A Prayer for Ukraine

Creator God, Lord of all, our Prince of Peace, we come to you in this time of conflict in Ukraine. Our hearts are heavy with all the precious lives we hold and with the reality of the violence so many are experiencing. We pray for peace.

We pray for those who are in positions to make decisions that can create a peaceful path. May you grant wisdom to world leaders to bring about a ceasefire. We pray for wisdom.

We pray for those who are not in positions of power and yet boldly are standing and marching for peace to come. May you grant protection for the people who are caught in the crosshairs of hostilities. We pray for safety.

We pray for those who are searching for safety and seeking refuge within and beyond the borders of Ukraine. We pray for people around the world to love each other as neighbors. We pray for mercy.

We pray that your Spirit will empower us to be bold in our love for sisters and brothers in Ukraine. May our actions point to the love that you call us to live and the peace that you desire for all nations to have. We pray for justice.

*We pray this in Your All Powerful Name, Jesus. Hear our prayer.
Amen.*

Morning Worship: This morning the Sunday School children will present several songs and verses as a part of our Palm Sunday worship service. Rev. Steve Boersma will be preaching for us. His message will take us to the scene of the first Palm Sunday. The people of Jerusalem were shouting, rejoicing, and praising God because their Messiah had come. But the one they meant to honor was weeping. Jesus knew that the people of Jerusalem would reject him. They did not know what would bring them peace. However, there is hope for Jerusalem, and there is hope for us. God has promised that he will one day give his people a home in the New Jerusalem.

The worship service will be presented at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at our host site: <http://immanuelsheldon.online.church>. It will be posted for later viewing on Pastor Kevin's YouTube page and on our church website, <http://immanuelsheldon.com/>.

Evening Worship: This evening there will not be a service at Immanuel, however, we are invited to worship with the congregation of First CRC **at 5:00 p.m.** as they host an evening of praise with the Western Christian Chamber Singers. Here is your opportunity to join in fellowship with our sister congregation and to hear Pastor Brian Dunn preach if you haven't yet had the opportunity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children & Worship will not dismiss this morning.

Youth Group will not meet this week Wednesday. Save the date: Saturday, April 30 the youth group will hold a bake sale and car wash fundraiser.

Good Friday: We will gather to worship at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening to share the Lord's Supper and to walk with Jesus to the cross and the tomb. Please prepare yourself for the sacrament by examining your relationship with Jesus and other Jesus followers seeking to make reconciliation before coming to the supper. This will be a service of shadows which will end with us departing the building in silence.

Easter Sunday: Easter Sunday worship will include a 7:30 a.m. Sunrise service. This will be followed by a brunch in the social hall and a 9:30 a.m. worship service. There will be no evening worship service at Immanuel next Sunday, April 17.

CES Action Auction Update: The final sale bill from the auction is in your church mailboxes. This includes the lot description, action donors, and winning bidders. The auction total raised approximately \$20,000 to support the Christian Education Society. Thank you to all who donated their "actions", food for the meal, serving during the auction, and for those who came out to bid. It was a great night of fellowship and fun!

Mark your Calendars! KIDS FEST 2022 will be July 31 – August 3. Interest sheets are inserted in the bulletin and extras are on the Connections table. Please fill out and return to the Kids Fest basket on the Connections table by TODAY.

Once again, our church family became a lifeline to hang on to as we walked this road of grief and suffering. Without our friends from Immanuel, it would have been nearly impossible for us to care for Denny at home for the last 4 years of his life. All your loving gifts of service were so appreciated, especially in these last few days. Thank you for radiating God's love to us in hands of service and hands folded in prayer. Your kindness will always be remembered!
- Sandy, Keri and Kacy Kamphoff and Pam Wassenaar

Coffee Servers: Consider having your family, bible study group, or your group of friends sign up to help serve coffee and juice on a Sunday morning. 3-4 people are needed to help things run smoothly. Please contact the church office for instructions if you have never served. This sign-up will continue through the summer. Next fall, Immanuel families will be assigned in alphabetical order to the coffee serving schedule.

PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS

Please keep Sandy, Keri, and Kacy Kamphoff and sister, Pam Wassenaar, in your prayers as they adjust to life without Denny. His funeral was Monday at Immanuel. May the LORD grant them peace and purpose with the gift of each day.

Pray for Michael and Bethany (Muyskens) Boyle who were united in marriage yesterday. May the LORD bless them with a wonderful beginning of their life as a married couple. May he be the foundation of their life together.

From Krista and Danny Longkumer: Lao New Year is on April 14-16 and it is the most important holiday in Laos. We are taking all our Pilgrim's employees on a little trip to Luang Prabang, a city in northern Laos. They are super excited to go! We want to use this time to be intentional in worshiping together in the car, praying together, and talking about Jesus as we spend this relaxing time together. We will be spending time with many Lao believers in Luang Prabang also. Pray that the Father would reveal himself to our three employees who are not yet saved, and that there would be a deeper understanding of the Father for those who are saved.

World Renew: This morning, our offering will be for World Renew – Ukrainian Response. We have a connection with World Renew as an organization that we support regularly. We have a connection with the Ukrainian people through supporting Michelle Maly, a missionary who works with Ukrainian orphans. So with those connections, please pray for the work of World Renew and for Michelle Maly in these trying days. On the following page, more information can be found on the offering cause and a prayer for their impact as they respond to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine.