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A SERMON SERIES ON ECCLESIASTES

IMMANUEL
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January 13, 2019

ADULT EDUCATION

January 6–February 10 (5 weeks)

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope you will find a warm welcome and experience the presence of our Lord here. Our congregation comes from all kinds of backgrounds, so wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Do you have young children with you this morning?

At Immanuel we believe God deeply loves and values children and mysteriously begins His work in them long before they may be able to articulate it. We joyfully welcome children of all ages into our worship service to join the larger body of Christ in worship, confession, giving, and fellowship. We offer a nursery for children under the age of three, a worship program designed for children in preschool through second grade, and Sunday School for ages preschool through fifth grade during the school year. Please stop by the **Children's Ministry Station** (in the Gathering Place) before the service to sign your children in and get more information on our ministries.

Let us contact you.

At the end of each row, there is a friendship folder with welcome cards and a place for you to let us know you were here. If you simply sign your name and address, we'll send you a letter with more information about Immanuel. If you include your phone number and email, we'll be glad to contact you that way too. Thank you for coming!

Note: If you need **hearing assistance**, please speak to one of our ushers or sound crew.

How the Book of Job Does and Doesn't Comfort Us Ministry House

Job offers a unique perspective on suffering, confusion, and those parts of a relationship with God we often leave unspoken. We suffer, and we lose those we love. This book will make for a provocative study of humanity and what happens when we have not answers, but only questions.

Ron Haydon is an instructor in Old Testament at Wheaton College. He and his wife, Julie and nine-year-old son named Graham have been attending Immanuel for nearly ten years.

Andy Le Peau is a founding elder of Immanuel and was for many years the editorial director at InterVarsity Press. He still writes and edits, most recently publishing Mark Through Old Testament Eyes. But he is best known as Phyllis's trophy husband.

Christians in Science: Conversations about Faith and Practice Sanctuary

Curious about science and Christianity? Join us for a wide-ranging conversation about science, the Bible, and faithfulness. Whether we are practitioners or merely consumers, science and the products of science permeate all of our lives. In this topical series, we invite Christians working professionally in the sciences to share about their faith, their work, and how it all connects. As we go, we'll tackle important controversial issues but also consider how science impacts us and affects our ability to know, love, and serve Jesus. Bring your questions! There will be time for Q&A with the speakers each week.

Becky Eggimann is an associate professor of chemistry at Wheaton College and also serves as department chair. She teaches biochemistry (the way our bodies turn food into energy and new molecules that enable us to live) and uses computer simulations to study how water behaves at interfaces (the very thin line between liquid water and air, as one example). She's been at Immanuel since 2015 and has long had an interest in the connections between Christianity and chemistry.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study (<i>childcare</i>)
	11:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Pioneer Clubs
	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Saturday	7:45 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast
		(Speaker: EPC church planter Jeffrey Lancaster)

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Men’s Breakfast: Saturday January 19, 7:45 a.m.: Get to know EPC church planter Jeffrey Lancaster, who will soon be gathering a congregation in Chicago, over breakfast catered by HoneyMilk. Cost is \$5. **Sign up this Sunday in the Gathering Place today.**

This Is My Story: Prime Timers’ event coming on Saturday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Unity Potluck: In observation of the National Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, attendees from all the churches in Warrenville are invited to potluck in Immanuel’s lower level on Thursday, January 24, at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share and get to know some of our neighbors here in Warrenville.

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 27 (after worship)

Service of Remembrance: (Note date change) On Sunday evening, Jan. 27th, at 6:00 p.m. we will remember all those dear to us who have passed away in recent years. This evening of worship will include a time of sharing, as well as ways to acknowledge the challenges individually and collectively that the holidays have presented in light of our loved ones' absences.

Encore!: Feb. 6

Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God’s Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *How Bright Appears the Morning Star* arr. Buxtehude

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Make a Joyful Noise* Allen Pote
IMMANUEL CHOIR

* CALL TO WORSHIP

- Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**
- Pastor: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**
- Pastor: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* HYMN 76

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION *(From Colossians 3:5-10)* DAN BALZER

Leader: Brothers and sisters, put to death whatever is earthly within you:

People: Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, dirty-mindedness, uncontrolled passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.

Leader: Because of these very things, the holy anger of God falls upon those who refuse to obey him.

People: But now, put all these things behind you. No more evil temper or furious rage;

Leader: No more malicious thoughts or words about others; no more thoughts or words belittling God’s worth;

People: No more filthy language. Stop telling lies, for you have finished with the old life and its ways.

Leader: Let us confess before God our disobedience this past week, and our yearning to live according to our new nature in Christ.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Timothy 4:1-8*

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. ⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Revelation in the Midst of Agitation*

* CLOSING HYMN: *My Hope Is in the Lord* HYMN 523

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you are in need of prayer, elder [Lew Luttrell](#) will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Immanuel choir

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food pantry open
2:00 p.m.	Iglesia Roca Eterna
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please remain standing for the reading of God’s Word.)

READERS: TREIER FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 6:1-12

¹ I have seen another evil under the sun, and it weighs heavily on mankind: ² God gives some people wealth, possessions and honor, so that they lack nothing their hearts desire, but God does not grant them the ability to enjoy them, and strangers enjoy them instead. This is meaningless, a grievous evil.

³ A man may have a hundred children and live many years; yet no matter how long he lives, if he cannot enjoy his prosperity and does not receive proper burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he. ⁴ It comes without meaning, it departs in darkness, and in darkness its name is shrouded. ⁵ Though it never saw the sun or knew anything, it has more rest than does that man— ⁶ even if he lives a thousand years twice over but fails to enjoy his prosperity. Do not all go to the same place?

⁷ Everyone’s toil is for their mouth,
yet their appetite is never satisfied.
⁸ What advantage have the wise over fools?
What do the poor gain
by knowing how to conduct themselves before others?

⁹ Better what the eye sees
than the roving of the appetite.
This too is meaningless,
a chasing after the wind.

¹⁰ Whatever exists has already been named,
and what humanity is has been known;
no one can contend
with someone who is stronger.

¹¹ The more the words’
the less the meaning,
and how does that profit anyone?

¹² For who knows what is good for a person in life, during the few and meaningless days they pass through like a shadow? Who can tell them what will happen under the sun after they are gone? NIV

SONG OF CONFESSION: Lord, I Need You (verse 1)

Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves

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Lord, I need You, Oh I need You; ev - 'ry hour I

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need You. My one de - fense, my

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right - eous- ness, Oh God, how I need You.

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1. Lord, I come, I con- fess; bow - ing
2. Where sin runs deep Your grace is more. Where grace is
3. Teach my song to rise to You when temp

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here I find my rest. With - out You I fall a -
found is where You are. And where You are, Lord, I am
ta - tion comes my way. When I can't stand I'll fall on

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part; You're the one that guides my heart. (Lord, I)
free; hol - i - ness is Christ in me.
You; Jes - us, You're my hope and stay.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Psalm 130)*

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him there is full redemption. Hear God’s forgiveness: The Lord himself will redeem you from all your sins through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION

All: To him who loves us, and frees us from our sins by his blood, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

(Please share God’s peace with those around you.)

MISSION FOCUS

JONATHAN MULLINS
Urbana Missions Conference

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *The Lord Is My Light*

Craig Courtney
IMMANUEL CHOIR

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? of whom shall I be afraid?
Though evildoers assail me,
when adversaries attack me,
they stumble and fall.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? of whom shall I be afraid?
Though an army besiege me,
though war break out against me,
my heart will not fear.

One thing I ask, one thing I seek of the Lord:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek
him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will hide me in
his dwelling;
and he will set me high upon a rock.
Then shall my head be exalted above my
enemies round about me;
I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? of whom shall I be afraid?
The Lord is my light and my salvation,
The Lord is my light!

* DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all people here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

(Children age 3 to 2nd grade are dismissed to go downstairs.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

* HYMN: *Fight the Good Fight*

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up thine
3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy guide; His bound - less
4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; He chang - eth

strength, and Christ thy right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes, and seek his face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and thy trust - ing
not, and thou art dear. On - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be Thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee. A - men.