



# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021

Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

## HOME COMING

Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

*With the exception of infants and toddlers, all are requested to wear a face mask for the entirety of the service.*

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### Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

### The Collect for Purity

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### *Kyrie eleison*

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Lord, have mercy upon us.  
***Christ, have mercy upon us.***  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.  
People: ***And with thy spirit.***  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens -- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord  
Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 116:1-8 *Dilexi, quoniam*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living.

## The Epistle: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue -- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark  
People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord  
People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Sermon:** The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

**The Nicene Creed** p. 326

**The Prayers of the People: Form IV** p. 388

After the words "Lord, in your mercy,"  
the congregation responds with "*Hear our prayer.*"

**Confession of Sin and Absolution** p. 331

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: *And with thy spirit.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Offertory**

Clergy: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. p. 343

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer II p. 340

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: *And with thy spirit.*  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *grant us thy peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Post Communion Prayer

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### The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** *Reader and Intercessor:* Linda Donahue

*Usher:* TBD

*Flower Guild:* Martha Manson

*Audio:* John Bednar

*Coffee Host:* TBD

*Vestry Greeter and Counter:* Darrell Wilson

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Jan A. Maas

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

September 12, 2021

### **IN THE NAME OF CHRIST we welcome you to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!**

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website ([www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net)).

*Learn more about us at [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net).*

**PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers:** Eloise Payne, Katie Lloyd, Kathy Lloyd, Carol Crossmire, Kenny, Diane Adams, Francine Wargo, Tony, Ann MacNamara, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Aggie Fortune, Catherine Sinclair, Ted Walker, Barbara, Joan, and Peter.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Paul Atwood, Katherine Smith, Nick Lansing, Ally Powell-Switaj, Leah Wilson, Chip Calloway, Ben Hewson, Khary Stockton, Leif Christoffersen, Wendy Lane John, Janice Newman, Suri Artie, Tracey Friday, Kate Snow, and Ginny Johnstone.

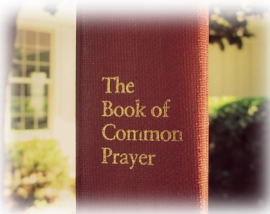
**Please also remember in your prayers** members of our extended Parish family: Charlotte Kellogg; Anthony Christino, Jr., Paul, Dorothy Phaneuf, Anne Newcomb, Sydney Bailey, Narciso, Sheri, Karen and Gwen, Lelah Ann Young, Caroline, Bert Ifill, Jeanette Beckmann, Lois Blair, Amy Wallens Green, Kelly, Cameron Pattsall, Ellen Repsher, Stephen Miller, Jill, Jack Allen, Molly Grey, Kathryn Anschutz, Thomas "Neil" Walters, Luciane Helena Borges Moreira, David Westgate, Doug Carmichael, Carol Sands, George Morris, Sandy, Jakey Newcomer, Julia Dietschak, Preston Atwood, John Matthewson, Ronald King, Marta Dimetre, Katie McGinn Centola, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Bill Anderson, Bob Dickson, Mildred Alexander, Dotty, Susan Thomas, Steve Davis, Natalie Terwillinger, Cecile Zitelli, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Alice Greenhall, Nancy, Edith Mead, Stephen, Louise Jackson, Charles Thurber, Arsine Oshagan, Emilie Brown, Sue Cleveland, David Johnson, Victoria Markin, Martin Stevens, Jeff Gorman, Jill Lane, Howard, Alice Meyer, Ron Simar, Matthew Simar, Connie Smith, Payton, Kevin Lancaster, Jennifer Ashline, Bill Ennis, Norma MacLean, Frank, Perry, John and Alycia, Sue Rehnke, Marjean Smith, Deacon Linda Murphy, Don Gobble; Judith Simpson, and The Simpson Family, David Kuck, Adele Barker, Martha Robison, Tamara, Daniela Samillan Celis, Quintus Frederick, Joey Alphonso, Victoria Dearborn, DeBora Wheeler, the Rev. Dr. M. Sam Faeth, Rick Manning and his parents Joyce and Richard Manning, Ryan Willis, Daphne, Larry Storm; Corbin, Owen, Madison, and Brighton Hovis; Sarah Minor, Judy Pavvek, Bea Daniel, Mitzi; and for the following family members of Sughra Bakhtiari, our bookkeeper, who are trying to leave Afghanistan: Amina, Sakina, Anis, Fatima, Marzia, Rahima, and Ayub; and Eleanore Tighe.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war, and their caregivers.

**Those who have recently died:** Navy Lieutenants Bradley A. Foster and Paul R. Fridley, Naval Air Crewman (Helicopter) 2nd Class James P. Buriak, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Sarah F. Burns, and Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Bailey J. Tucker. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

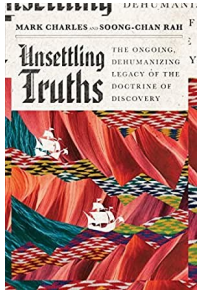
*Join Immanuel Clergy and Staff*

**MORNING PRAYER Every Tuesday**  
**beginning September 14th**  
**10a.m., Zabriskie Chapel**



# Announcements

Join us for Holy Eucharist, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Zabriskie Chapel



## SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK/BIBLE STUDY

After the Wednesday Evening Eucharist, join us for a weekly discussion of *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*, by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah (<https://www.ivpress.com/unsettling-truths>). The meetings will take place via Zoom, but you'd be welcome to bring a laptop and participate from Zabriskie Chapel after Eucharist!

**New Chapters for Thursday Morning Bible Study:**

## LETTERS TO THE EPHESIANS AND THE COLOSSIANS

Join the clergy **this Thursday, September 16th at 10:30a.m.** for a Bible study series on the Epistle to the Ephesians and Colossians.

To log-in on your computer:

1. Visit our website [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net), at the top menu select "Worship", then "Worship Service Bulletin" from the pull-down menu.

2. Click on this bulletin, then click the blue text: [Thursday Morning Bible Study via Zoom NOW](#).

**To join by phone**, dial: 1 (301) 715- 8592, then enter the Meeting ID: 825 5204 5029, then Password: 312018 using the keypad of your telephone.



For more information, contact one of the clergy.



**COMPLINE Service on Fridays:** Join us for this **Friday Compline September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30p.m.** via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church."

To participate, select this bulletin on our website under "Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship" tab, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#).

**To join the service by phone**, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592 and enter the following: Meeting ID: 817 3973 7116 , Password: 029619.

**Forum Hour: "All About the Vestry"**  
**Sunday, September 19th @ 9AM**

Look for details in this week's eBlast email!



Next **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, will be called **Lament Sunday** at Immanuel. It will be a time set apart to name and pray about some of the corporate and personal losses we have experienced thus far in the pandemic, and seeking God's healing and grace. This theme will be reflected in the prayers, the music, and the sermon, and we will begin offering, every week, personal prayers for healing for those desiring those prayers.

**TWO Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles:**

## **IMMANUEL'S STARTS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Sacred Ground**



**Sacred Ground Starting Monday, September 20<sup>TH</sup>:** Please consider signing up for the upcoming Sacred Ground dialogue circle, which will be biweekly on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m., from September 20 and going through January 2022 and facilitated by Chrissie Crosby. Sacred Ground offers a safe space to learn and be in dialogue about experiences, feelings, and concerns regarding personal identity, racial history and reconciliation, and justice. It has been developed by the national Episcopal Church and "field tested" by seventeen Immanuelites this past Winter and Spring. (If you want to talk to some of them or ask them questions, feel free to contact Katherine Smith, Marilyn Wilson, or Nancy Reuschel.)

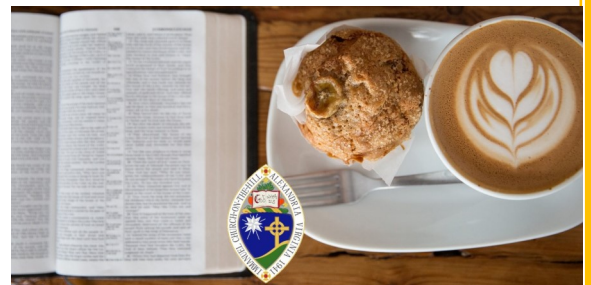
Ten small group sessions -- based on intensive reading and film viewing homework -- review chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. More details are available at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>. Please contact **David Atwood** at [atwooddavid@gmail.com](mailto:atwooddavid@gmail.com), or **Kathryn Haskin** at [kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) to sign up.

**VTS Tuesday Sacred Ground Curriculum begins September 21:** If you want to participate in a Sacred Ground dialogue circle, but cannot make our Monday evening discussion, the Virginia Theological Seminary's continuing education program is offering afternoon and evening remote Sacred Ground dialogue circles Tuesdays beginning September 21<sup>st</sup>. Click the word "[Registration](#)" to learn the details and costs associated with their program.

## **BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY on EPHESIANS 5:15-21**

Join us online for Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, not the 18th-- we normally meet the third Saturday of each month. We will meet via Zoom (link and info below) beginning at 8a.m.. Our theme this year is God's Loving Concern; we will read Ephesians 5:15-21, using the African Model of Reflection.

For more information, contact Chrissie at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com). For more information, please [visit our website HERE](#)



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**To join by phone**, dial: 1 (301) 715- 8592, then enter the Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553, then the Passcode: 027913.

## CLERGY AND STAFF

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Martha Shimkin .....	Junior Warden: Administration
Darrell Wilson .....	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
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Harrison Clark .....	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Danette "Dani" Gentile Kauffman .....	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Kristi Kubista-Hovis .....	Outreach, and Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brooke Roberts .....	Communications
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Francine Wargo .....	Worship
Shawn Whitman .....	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson .....	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
Candy Levin .....	Register (nonvoting member)

### SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA  
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel  
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA  
1:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Zabriskie Chapel Memorial Garden

#### *Online*

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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

### PRIEST ASSOCIATES

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### RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God's plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.

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