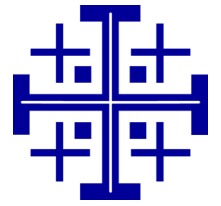




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Episcopal/Anglican
Alexandria, Virginia



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 16, 2024

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

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie eleison

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us. or Christe eleison.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 92:1-4,11-14 *Bonum est confiteri*

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

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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.*

*If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know
that you would like to have Communion brought to you.*

UPDATE ON COMMUNION PRACTICE: Throughout the COVID pandemic, Immanuel worked diligently to ensure Holy Communion remained a spiritual experience, while also responding to concerns about physical safety for all. **The Rt. Rev. Mark Stevenson, Bishop of Virginia, has now informed us that parishioners may once again be allowed to intinct the consecrated Bread for themselves.** The preferred method of receiving is to drink from the common cup; indeed, various studies have shown this is safer than intinction. Yet those so choosing may once again intinct, provided they make every effort to prevent fingers or fingernails from touching the consecrated Wine. Now that we are well past the pandemic, this new guidance continues the dual emphases of spiritual care and physical safety.

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Reader/Intercessor:* Chip Coakley

Usher: Linda Donahue

Altar Guild: Diana Walker

Flower Guild: Karen Besser

Coffee Hour Host: Caroline Bergmark

Vestry Greeter/Counter: Caroline Bergmark

Celebrant: The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

June 16, 2024

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. Both chapels offer a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels. Give your card to an usher or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Gilma Balcarcel, Philip Brown, Cynthia Dolvin, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Wendy Hoge, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Jessi, Joseph, Kenny, Lisa, Ann MacNamara, Kitty Montie, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Daryl Ott, Barbara Ramsdale, Mable Randolph, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer Wise.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ashleighana, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Peter Blackledge, Jean Couban, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joyce Di Missa, Joseph Fabian, Gerald, Dorothy Gerhart, Linda Gill, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Joanne, Brian and Joyce, Charlotte Kellogg, Tom Kellner, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Lillian Kozuma, Ann Langdon-Days, Lysbeth, Marge McGoff, Joe Micelli, Michael, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Jessi Naolitano, Carol Ording, Shelby Ochs Owen, Pamela, Paul, Joanne Perla, Lilly Pinner, Jennie Rae, Sue Rehnke, the Rev. Marcia Richardson, Roger, Emily Rogers, Bridget Rice Rose, Shawn Rush, George Rustigian, Barbara Sagan, Brother Efrain Sosu, Stephen Spurlock, Brian Tolson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Jean Williams, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Andrew Alexander, Gary Campbell, Matthew Schnedl, Marta Evans, David Forster, Katie Rhoades, Khar Roeung, Tom Brown, Zoe Gildersleeve, Frank Kozuch III, Jim Kurz, Kevin Wensing, Elaine Davies, David Temoshok, Rachel Williams, and David Lloyd.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

Those who have died: Former parishioner Kathryn Jean Raymond. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*



FORUM HOUR: Five Talents, Sunday June 30th @ 11:45 AM
The Welcome Center
Helping Those In Some Of The Lowest Income Countries
presented by Dale Stanton-Hoyle

Join us in The Welcome Center for a forum hour on Sunday June 30th immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. Guest speaker Dale Stanton-Hoyle, Senior Advisor, Five Talents, will discuss *Five Talents'* work providing small business training to prospective entrepreneurs living in some of the world's lowest income countries. *Five Talents* is one of the charities that Immanuel supports through its Outreach Ministry. We look forward to your attendance!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES *All are welcome to participate*

Morning Prayer Tuesday, June 18th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, June 19th, Zabriskie Chapel
Juneteenth

Weekly Bible Study "*The Book of Wisdom*"
Thursday, June 20th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, June 21st @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Immanuel's Children's Chapel meets each Sunday, 10:00 -10:25a.m, The Oratory at Immanuel Chapel: (The Oratory is a small chapel on the other end of the hallway—opposite the parlor/ coffee hour). Our Children's Chapel is a 25-minute service rich with prayer, Bible stories, music, and reflections to teach our children about God's love. **All are welcome!**

JUNE Food Drive for ALIVE!

Traditionally, Immanuel dutifully collected canned goods and non-perishable foods for ALIVE! for two months each year. **The need remains great, and the list of categories has grown as a result.** Our last collection in January was a great success bringing in over 500 pounds of food. Let's do it again in JUNE! Bins will be placed in both narthexes for the five Sundays in June. Below is a list of suggested items.

CANNED GOODS: Fruit, vegetables, soups, beans, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, fish and meat (chili, chicken, tuna, salmon, beef ravioli, etc.)

RICE AND PASTA: Spaghetti, noodles, mac & cheese kits	COOKING OIL: Vegetable, canola
CEREAL: Cold or hot, including oatmeal	DRIED BEANS AND LENTILS
PANCAKE MIX: Complete (just add water), and table syrup	PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM/JELLY
KID-FRIENDLY, SINGLE-SERVE MICROWAVABLE ENTREES: Soup, ravioli, mac & cheese	

Thanks in advance for your participation.

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah* June 19th

St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, Farlington

Join the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs for a visit anytime from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 1536 Kenwood Avenue, Alexandria. Hope to see you there!

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP **SUMMER 2024: Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through August* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**.**

We've uploaded our *entire summer*, so please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild Server, Crucifer and/or Coffee Hour Host online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and [clicking on the red button](#).

If you need training for a particular ministry, please contact Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net.
THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

Wednesday, June 19th: Lunch at Goodwin House Alexandria: We have resumed our luncheons at Goodwin House Alexandria on the third Wednesday of each month. Join us this Wednesday, June 19 at 12 noon. Please RSVP that you plan to attend to Susan Kernan (skernan40@aol.com), if you are a Goodwin House resident, and the Rev. Susan Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net) if you are not.

Tuesday, June 25th: Senior Ministry Brown Bag Lunch with Guest Speaker

THE REV. PETER ACKERMAN: Immanuel's former Assistant Rector the Rev. Peter Ackerman, now Rector of the historic Christ Episcopal Church, Chaptico, St. Mary's County, MD, will tell us about his recently published memoir, *Mom, Dad, Me and Classic TV-Growing Up with Classic Television's Harry Ackerman and Elinor Donahue*.

Tuesday, July 2nd: Bus Trip to Seven Oaks Lavender Farm, Catlett, VA: Join Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship on Tuesday, July 2nd as we travel to **Provence** via *Seven Oaks Lavender Farm*, in Catlett, VA (which is much, much closer at just over an hour away!) Bring your camera or just enjoy wandering the fields of lavender and other flowers. As part of your admission, you are provided with a basket, scissors and rubber bands to pick your own lavender to take home. There is also a shop selling their lavender-based products: soaps and teas, sachets and oils, so plan on picking up some gifts! We will picnic there on the grounds and then return to Zabriskie Chapel.

The van will be leaving the parish hall parking lot around 9:30a.m, and we will plan to return no later than 2:30p.m. As always, we will offer pick up at either Goodwin House Alexandria or at The View. The co-pay to ride in our van is \$20. Admission to the farm is \$8 per person, and you can buy a box lunch for \$15.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JUNE 25** at Karen.Besser@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES IN AUGUST: Campaign for Learning Update

We are off to a successful start. We have 63 families with 136 children referred by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, twice as many as last year. On the first Sunday, 16 families with 39 children were "adopted", leaving 47 families with 97 children. You can sign up to provide a backpack filled with school supplies for the children in one family to give them the tools for learning and lift their spirits and send them off to a good start in the new school year. Sign up continues before or after each service from today through Sunday, July 21 or in the Zabriskie narthex during the week. **Fifteen children also need back-to-school clothing.**

We will give you a yellow instruction sheet with names and all the information you need. There are some large families; perhaps two parish families can team up to provide for them.

You can also contact Linda Serabian serabian@somaarchitects.com to arrange for selecting a family. Ingathering and blessing of the backpacks — along with a second special collection — is set for **Sunday, August 4**. Let us give the gift of learning, a gift for life.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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THE VESTRY

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 Amy Thomas Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care
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 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton and Philip Brown Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Julie Bruns Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 Mark Fearer Social Justice and Pastoral Care
 Brian Rush Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Philip Brown Fellowship
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, and Isabelle Young-Smith Youth Representatives

SCHEDULE OF SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

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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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Ways to GIVE