

# The Immanuel *Light* Abridged

MAY 12, 2020



## *For the Living of These Days*

One Sunday in May of 2017, Ryan and I visited three different churches in one day. I had just moved to Nashville. We were getting married that summer and it was important for us to find a loving church that would be our family in Nashville. Of all the buildings we entered that day, Immanuel felt like church, like home. We were immediately embraced by many of you that first Sunday morning. You know the rest of the story: we continued returning to Immanuel and in November we officially became members. After a series of events, I became your Minister of Music—what a wild ride! In my time serving in this role I have grown tremendously as minister, musician, and friend.

As you know, my time with you has paralleled my time as a graduate student. I know without a doubt that I could not have endured my three years in divinity school without the support of every single one of you. There were many Wednesdays when my mind was blown at school and my faith was rocked. But when I entered the church doors and was greeted by your smiling faces, you constantly reminded me that God's love is ever present in our relationships with one

another. I hope in some way that I have returned that favor to you.

Your endless support as your Minister of Music has meant more than you can know. I hope that you will continue that support as Ryan and I embark on the next chapter of our lives. My last Sunday with you will be July 26. Following that day, Ryan and I will be moving to Connecticut where Ryan will take his post as an Assistant Professor at the University of Connecticut. I will continue training in chaplaincy and am applying to several Clinical Pastoral Education programs throughout the state. Additionally, I plan to use my musical gifts at a local church when they reopen. We are both excited and nervous about this new adventure and covet your prayers during this transition.

Going forward, I pray that you continue to practice the radical, compassionate discipleship taught by Jesus Christ, and that you warmly welcome all people into the Immanuel family—just as you did with me.

—Caroline



## Hymns at Home

Beginning on May 27 at 12pm, Richard, Marilyn, and Caroline will be going live on Facebook to play and sing some of Immanuel's best loved hymns. Though we have chosen the hymns for the first week, we want to hear from you! Please answer the following questions and send your responses to Caroline at [kimreycb@gmail.com](mailto:kimreycb@gmail.com) so we can include them in the live stream in the coming weeks.

We can't wait to connect with you through music—virtually!

- What is your favorite hymn?
- Which verses are meaningful to you and why?

## Have you read all the books in your home?



Need something new to read? During this time the church library is available to you on Monday morning 9:30-12:00. Use the entrance adjacent to the office and observe social distancing. If someone is in the library, please wait in the hall for your turn. Since the library is self-service, remember to remove the card from the pocket in the back of the book, sign your name and leave the card on the desk.

For our young readers, there are 34 new *Who was... and What was...* books for a total of 79. Contact Georgina for a complete list.



### I'm Lonely!!

If anyone has a bit of extra time, the church van would benefit from being driven, at least around the neighborhood! Contact the office if this is something you would be willing to do.

### Budget Vote Passes

The vote for the 2020-21 budget passed by a vote of 56 YES, 2 NO.

Thank you for participating in the vote.

### PRAYER LIST

- The Vu family
- Lynn Woodall
- Carolyn Campbell's mother, Betty

### Notes of Interest

- At the recommendation of the Missions & Ministries Committee, the interest money from the Sue Senter Mission account (\$2389) will be divided evenly and sent to the Nashville Food Project and Luke 14:12. Both of these agencies are working hard to respond to the tornado and the Covid-19 crises.

- Due to Covid-19 there will be NO summer PDO program this year.

### Congratulations!

to our Spring Graduates!

**Stephanie Brown**, University of Oregon, bachelors degree in General Science

**Caroline Talbert**, Vanderbilt University, Masters of Divinity

**Ryan Talbert**, Vanderbilt University, PhD in Sociology



## Immanuel Baptist Church

The mission of Immanuel Baptist Church is to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to deepen our love for God and others, to fully engage our neighbor, and to wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society.

*God is calling Immanuel Baptist Church to practice the radical, compassionate discipleship taught by Jesus Christ.*

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