



April 13, 2025

Palm/Passion Sunday

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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Emmanuel United Church of Christ is to be a welcoming church family that strives to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. This will be achieved by:

- *Worshiping regularly*
- *Serving God and others*
- *Fellowship*
- *Acts of love and kindness*

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day, Jesus marched in between the city walls and the Temple,

People: in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,

Leader: in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,

People: in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.

Leader: On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

People: So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.

Leader: May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Hosanna in the between!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Speaking God, most days we are inundated with noise. Some of it is good—laughter, music, storytelling. Some of it is hard—arguments, slurs, the sound of bomber planes. Every day we live between silence and shouting, rotating through quiet and noise. So

in the midst of this messy middle, help us to hear what is yours. Help us to hear your song, your story, your good news. Help us to hear your voice, your Spirit, your will. And show us how to release the rest. We are listening. Be with us in this time of worship. Amen.

HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE WORD IN MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The crowds offered you their coats to walk on, they waved palm branches, honoring your presence. Today we honor you, O God, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you in response to all that you have given to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Passion Story According to Luke

The Garden

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:39-46

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" vs. 1

The Arrest

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:47-54

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" vs. 2

Peter's Denial

Scripture: Luke 22:55-62

"Ah, Holy Jesus" vs. 2

Jesus Before Pilate

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:13-26

Story #1-Simon of Cyrene

The Crucifixion

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:27, 32-43

Story #2- The Criminal on the Cross

The Death and Burial

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:44-56

"Were You There?" vs. 3

Moment of Silent Reflection

Departing in Silence

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 13, 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Livestream is at www.facebook.com/euccvalleycity/live

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Attendance: 47 Facebook: 5

Offering: \$3,388.00

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$10.00

CHURCH BANK – If you wish to express a joy or concern for Church Bank, we ask you write them down on the papers provided in the pews and place it in the offering plate by the door. The following week each joy or concern will be posted on the slides before church.

OFFICE HOURS- Tuesday from 8:30-2:30 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30-2:30 p.m. Tamara is working from home on Wednesdays. If you need to contact her, email at emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net.

ALTAR FLOWERS this week are given by JoAnn Campbell in memory of Betty Schneider's birthday on April 15th.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE-April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

EGG HUNT-There will be an egg hunt following Easter Sunday service.

MISSIONS- **1.**All Missions donations will go to Meow Fix, a Medina County agency that helps many animal rescues in the area. **2.** The baby bottle project collected \$564.19 per the Oaks Family Care Center. Thanks to all who helped.

COUNCIL MEETING- April 15th at 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST-April 15th at 8:30 at The Cracked Egg.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP: The calendar for providing altar flowers to honor someone, in memory of a loved one, or "just because" is on the Narthex information table. There are many opportunities for you to enhance our worship atmosphere with the beauty of flowers. We are getting our flowers from ArKay Florist. The cost is \$24 per vase.

PASTOR REBEKAH'S INFORMATION: Cell number: 231-327-8107. Email: rarw1981@gmail.com. Her office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m.-noon.

KEEP OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER: Jennifer Luf, Bob Schneider, Pastor John Baker, Jane Schneider, John Luf, Wanda Currier (Pat Barnum's mother), Bill Yoder, Tony Lagorga (Pam's son.), DeJosh Garver, Debi Sheffler, Diane Scheutzow, Vickie Seely, Shiny (Sujaya's niece), Amber Willoughby, Gene Reusch, Kellie Schneider, Penny Malone, Kelli Boyd, Russell Sheffler, John Weber Jr, Cheryl Goodson, Pam Lagorga.