EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
VALLEY CITY

October 25, 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Rebekah Rathman-Wingrove, Pastor
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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!
People: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Leader: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are Sovereign!
People: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.
Leader: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!
People: Let your favor be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, we gather before you in praise and thanksgiving, wonder and awe, doubt and uncertainty, joy and pain. We seek your guidance and direction, assurance and challenge, correction, and encouragement. Make your presence known among us this day. Let your Spirit reign in our worship, in our hearts, and in our lives. Just your presence among us gives us comfort, strength and joy. Be glorified in our love, O God. Amen.

HYMN OF THE MONTH *"Gather Us In"*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE WORD IN MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON *"How Do I Do This?"*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

MISSION MOMENT

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
Holy God, we dedicate these gifts to you in hope and trust that, through you, our generosity makes a difference in the world. We give you thanks in advance for the fruit nurtured by this offering. As you bless these gifts, also bless the giver and those entrusted with the stewardship of these resources in your name and for your church and world. Amen.

HYMN *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling "*

BENEDICTION
Leader: Let love be our law. Let love be our compass. Let love abound and abide.
People: The God of love is with us and for us, now and forever. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 25, 2026

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

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS
Attendance: 45 Online: 5
Offering: $1,793.00

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 works from home on Wednesdays. If you need to contact her, email at emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net.

MISSIONS- 1. The Missions Christmas tree will be up this week awaiting clothing donations for The Oaks Family Care Center. Infant-toddler 2t items are needed. Last day to donate is November 29th. **2.** Church bank monies collected will be used to send two Buckeye eighth grade students to Washington D.C. in the spring. **3.** Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item each week to add to our Food Pantry. Thanksgiving items are needed to help the Valley City Community Box and York Methodist Pantry. **4.** We anticipate helping local Buckeye families with grocery cards this Christmas season.

FINANCE MEETING- Monday, October 26th at 6:30 pm.

PROPERTY MEETING- Monday, October 26th at 5 pm.

HALLOWEEN CANDY-We are collecting candy in October to be passed out at EUCC for Trick-or-Treat.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- We will be having a congregational meeting on October 25th following the worship service.

COUNCIL MEMBERS- Starting in January 2027, there will be three vacancies on Council, if anyone is interested in being on Council, please see Gretchen.

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, John Luf, Vicki Seeley McDougall, Janet Williams (sister of Peggy McMullen), Kevin Schemrich (friend of Sally Hunter), Caden Sustar (Marshall Cook's great-grandson), Melody Nolan (Doris' daughter-in-law), Fred Robertson, Sharon McClelland, Jim Checkelsky, Doug Smith, Scarlett Tedrick, Mardel Wiley, The Richard and Marlene Paterson family, Dan Garver, Sheeba (friend of Sujaya), Terry Wagner, Jennifer Good, Madison Scheutzow, The Berger Family.