



August 4, 2024
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Rebekah Rathman-Wingrove, Pastor
Service conducted by Council Members
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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

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We call upon the Holy One, who is near to us. We testify to your power to make your reign known among creation.

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

Leader: We speak of the glory of your miraculous acts, your abiding presence, and your abundant love.

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

Leader: With justice and grace, with hope and mercy, with abundance and discernment, you sustain those in need, you uphold those who have been broken, and you satisfy those who seek a better way.

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, we seek your presence among us. We strain to hear your voice as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world. We pause to consider your works, your word, and your way. Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Open your hand and our hearts that we may join in this moment of holy encounter. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path Jesus has marked for us. Amen.

HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-21

SERMON

"The First Church Potluck"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

MISSION MOMENT

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

Sustaining God, receive our offerings and magnify them beyond our imagination for the benefit of your reign, this ministry, and your creation. Cultivate a heart of generosity within us and enable us to witness the abundance that can be found in the fragments that remain as testimony to your power at work in us. Amen.

HYMN

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

BENEDICTION

Leader: We have been given every good gift for proclaiming God's presence and God's love.

People: The world is thirsting for this good news.

Leader: People struggle for words of hope and peace.

**People: As we have been blessed, let us go to be a blessing in God's name.
Amen.**

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

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 8:30-12:30 p.m., Thursday from 8:30-2:30 p.m. Tamara is working from home Wednesdays. If you need to contact her, email at emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net.

ALTAR FLOWERS The altar flower dedications for July 21st were accidentally omitted. They were given by Pat Mack in memory of Jennifer Mack Blossom's birthday on July 19th. Also, given by Bob Young in memory of Felicia Ann's birthday on July 11th.

TOY SALE Gently used toys are being accepted for our annual Toy Sale during the Valley City Street Fair. Contact Peggy McMullen or Chris Neal for questions. The last day to bring in toys is August 13th.

REFRESHMENT SIGN-UP We are in need of people to sign up to bring finger foods or ready-to-serve baked goods for the Senior Connections Day on September 21st.

PREFERRED COMMUNICATIONS LIST Please update the communication list on the activity table. Please let us know if you don't accept email.

T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE for \$10 each in fellowship hall. If you wish to purchase one please put check in offering plate and mark it t-shirt.

PROPERTY MEETING August 5th at 7 p.m.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS service will be on August 18th.

ALTAR FLOWERS 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 will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9am-noon.

KEEP OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER: Jennifer Luf, Bill Nolan, Marge Naftzger, Bob Schneider, Terry Flanagan, Mikey Coombes' mother, Vivian, Pastor John Baker, Jane Schneider, John Luf, Chuck Leety (Sally Hunter's brother), Wanda Currier (Pat Barnum's mother), John Weber Jr., Ed McIntyre, Bill Yoder, Tony Lagorga (Pam's son.), Kenny Mount, DeJosh Garver, Brenda Schaeffer Goodwin, Debi Sheffler, Sue Piovarchy, Diane Scheutzow, Cheryl Goodson, Dorine Hagarman (Doris Nolan's daughter.)

Alice Cottrell would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her sister and the family. They are greatly appreciated.