



**April 27, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

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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: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise God in God's sanctuary!**

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise God for God's mighty deeds! Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!**

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Hallelujah!**

Leader: Let's worship God with thanksgiving.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Together we pray.

Loving Jesus, in a broken and fearful world, you continue to reveal yourself to us each day, bringing your peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We seek to live a life worthy of these gifts, knowing that we can never repay you. You have been our steadfast companion. Guide us still, that we might follow you before any human authority and know the saving power of your love. **Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*"Joy Dawned Again on Easter"*

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Revelation 1:4-8, Chris Neal  
John 20:19-31

### **THE WORD IN MUSIC**

## **SERMON**

*"Believing With Your Whole Heart"*

## **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

## **HYMN**

*"I Come to the Garden "*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## **THE PASTORAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

As God gave us Christ, the first-fruit of creation, let us humbly offer the substance of our lives in thanksgiving to our God.

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Psalm 22:25-31

Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world—giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for

you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

### **HYMN**

*"Go My Children, with My Blessing"*

### **BENEDICTION**

Leader: The blessing of the eternal, triune God—

**People: Alpha and Omega, first and last, beginning and end--**

Leader: Always be with you all.

**People: Alleluia!**

May God bless you and keep you well. God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. God asks us to accept the joys and the costs of discipleship, therefore go out into the world and carry with you the Peace of Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Encouragement of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\*Thank you to the website CALL TO WORSHIP: LITURGY AND THE ARTS for sections of this liturgy. [https://callto](https://calltoworshipjournal.org/april-27-2025-second-sunday-of-easter/)worshipjournal.org/april-27-2025-second-sunday-of-easter/

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 27, 2025**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Livestream is at [www.facebook.com/euccvalleycity/live](http://www.facebook.com/euccvalleycity/live)

### **RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Attendance: 75    Facebook: 10

Offering: \$3,528.00    Church Bank: \$25.00

**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](mailto:emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net).

**MISSIONS-** When Spring cleaning this year, please remember Missions and the Toy Sale. We will begin accepting gently used toys in June. There will be tables set up in the Sunday School room for donations. The sale will again be held during the Valley City Fair. Proceeds will be used for our Christmas holiday projects.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**-May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 at The Cracked Egg.

**PROPERTY MEETING** April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**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](mailto: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, Vicki Seeley, Shiny (Sujaya's niece), Amber Willoughby, Gene Reusch, Kellie Schneider, Penny Malone, Kelli Boyd, Russell Sheffler, John Weber Jr, Cheryl Goodson, Pam Lagorga.

