



**May 11, 2025**  
**Fourth 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: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

**People: The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.**

Leader: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

**People: Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.**

Leader: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

**People: Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.**

Leader: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

**People: And we will dwell in God's house forever. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our

hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become your faithful disciples all our days. Amen.

**HYMN**

*"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 23

**THE WORD IN MUSIC**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 10:22-30

**SERMON**

*"A Controversial Shepherd"*

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

**HYMN**

*"My Shepherd Is the Living God"*

**MISSION MOMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*"Christ Is Alive!" vs 5*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we've heard your call to us-to be abundant with our gifts of grace, love, forgiveness and time. Let us respond to that call. May we be abundant in our giving so that the work of the church can be carried out beyond this building. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**HYMN**

*"He Leadeth Me"*

## **BENEDICTION**

Leader: And now, let us go forth in peace and hope this day.

**People: God is our guardian and guide.**

Leader: Let us bring the good news of God's love to all whom we meet.

**People: Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 11, 2025

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

### **RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Attendance: 49 Facebook: 5

Offering: \$4,848.00 Church Bank: \$45.00

**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).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are given by Sally Hunter in memory of Bill Hunter. Vicki Seeley McDougall in memory of her mother, Pat Seeley.

**PENTECOST FLOWER SALE** The Profusion Zinnia flower sale for Pentecost Sunday will be held from Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. All flowers will be a mixture of red, orange, and yellow. Flowers will be available for pick up on Pentecost Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> following worship service. Flowers are \$13 (cash or check to EUCC). Orders may be placed during coffee hour following worship service (see Stephanie) or mailed to EUCC (PO Box 388). Note: No orders will be taken Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> as Stephanie will not be available.

**COFFEE HOUR** As a thank you for the funds raised for the GoFundMe for Jim and Gretchen's son Brett and wife Rachael there will be cake during Coffee Hour.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**MISSIONS**- Remember to donate your gently used toys for our annual Toy Sale.

**THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH**- May 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. Menu is picnic: Hot dogs and hamburgers.

**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), DeJosh Garver, Debi Sheffler, Diane Scheutzow, Vicki Seeley, Shiny (Sujaya's niece), Amber Willoughby, Penny Malone, Kelli Boyd, Russell Sheffler, John Weber Jr, Cheryl Goodson, Pam Lagorga, Kevin Schemrich.