



October 27, 2024
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation 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

WELCOME

A LITANY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs. 1

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs. 2

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord!

People: God makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs. 3

Leader: Be still and know that I am God!

People: God is exulted among the nations; God is exulted in the earth.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs. 4

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Wondrous God, thirteen billion years ago your creative spark called creation into being. Two thousand years ago you lit a spark of new creation in Christ. Five hundred years ago, your grace reignited the hearts of Reformers like Martin Luther and John Calvin. Just when we think all is settled, everything is finished, closed, your power and presence explodes on to the scene yet again, bringing newness, bringing life. Fill us with your power and presence, O God, so we may, like our grandparents in faith carry your truth, your beauty, and your justice to the world you so love—a world in such need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" vs. 1-3

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

"Risk Factor"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

Receive these gifts O God, use them to reform this community of faith as you remake the world in your image. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Leader: Friends, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: the love of God,

Leader: and the communion of the Holy Spirit

People: be with us this day, and every other one. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 27, 2024

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

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Attendance: 37 Facebook: 5

Offering: \$2,238.10 Neighbors in Need: \$130.00

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., 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 Gene Reusch in memory of Judie Reusch.

PROPERTY MEETING October 28th at 7 p.m.

MITTEN TREE-Our annual tree will be put up in the Fellowship Hall beginning October 20th. This year we will only be collecting mittens, hats, and gloves. The last day for items to be placed on the tree is November 17th. Please help provide these winter necessities for local children.

MARGINALLY MARK BIBLE STUDY will be each Wednesday from October 30th through November 20th at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

ADVENT PLANNING MEETING will be Sunday, November 10th following the service.

HURRICANE SUPPORT please visit <https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief> for information on how to support the victims of Hurricane Helene.

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, Bob Schneider, Mikey Coombes' mother, Vivian, Pastor John Baker, Jane Schneider, John Luf, Wanda Currier (Pat Barnum's mother), Bill Yoder, Tony Lagorga (Pam's son.), DeJosh Garver, Debi Sheffler, Sue Piovarchy, Diane Scheutzow, Julie DeVries (Doris Nolan's daughter), Vickie Seely.