



**April 28, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

### **WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

**People: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.**

Leader: Drink from the waters of life.

**People: We live in the light of God's grace.**

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

**People: All are welcome here.**

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

### **HYMN**

*"I Come with Joy"*

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

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **THE WORD IN MUSIC**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

John 15:1-8

**SERMON**

*"Growing Pains"*

**HYMN**

*"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

**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, may the gifts we return to you cause your name to be celebrated among the nations. May the lives that we live cause your name to be celebrated in all generations. May our offerings be signs of our praise to you, forever and ever. Amen.

**HYMN**

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

**BENEDICTION**

Leader: Beloved children of God, love one another well.

**People: We will abide in Christ's generous love.**

Leader: Be born in the Spirit of grace.

**People: We will live in the fullness of hope.**

Leader: Grow into branches bearing the fruit of love: peace, joy, hope, faith.

**People: We will remember that the greatest harvest is the harvest of love.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 28, 2024**

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

### **RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Sunday Worship Attendance:38 Facebook: 5  
Offering: \$2,408.00 Church Bank: \$10.00

**CHURCH BANK** – If you wish to share a birthday or anniversary for Church Bank, we ask you to write them down on the papers provided in the pews and place it in the offering plate by the door. The following week it will be posted on the slides before church.

**OFFICE HOURS**- Tuesday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tamara will be working from home on Wednesday. If you need to contact her, please email at [emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net](mailto:emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** -Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at The Cracked Egg.

**BABY BOTTLE PROJECT** Bottles can be filled with spare change, bills, or checks. All monies collected will benefit mothers and babies through The Oakes Family Care Center. Please have all bottles returned by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING** will be April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**WEBSITE**- Check out our new website at [www.euccvalleycity.org](http://www.euccvalleycity.org)

**SAFETY CONCERNS**-Due to the concern of our members, the East and West doors will remain locked. They will only open on Sunday 9:00-10:10 a.m. They will be open for special events.

**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 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 9a.m.-noon.

**KEEP OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER:** Jennifer Luf, Bill Nolan, Marge Naftzger, Bob Schneider, Terry Flanagan, Mikey Coombes' mother, Vivian, Pastor John Baker, Mary Neff, Jane Schneider, John Luf, Mady Bauer, Chuck Leety (Sally Hunter's brother), Wanda Currier (Pat Barnum's mother), John Weber Jr., Ed McIntyre, Mardel Wiley, Bill Yoder, Kevin and Gretchen Schindler, Tony Lagorga (Pam's son.), Wayne Pressnell.