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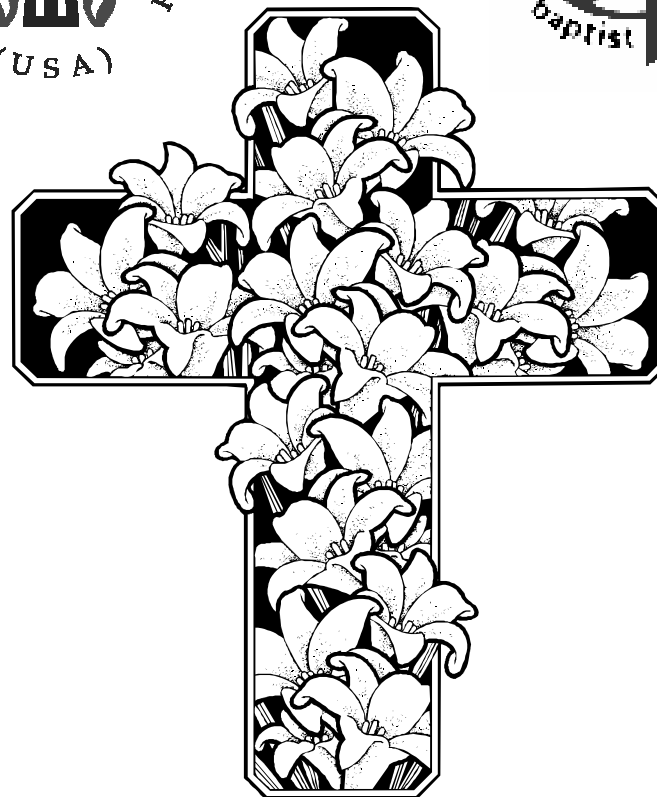
**Sunday Schedule:**  
**Sunday School-9:45 am**  
**Worship-11:00 am**

The doors of this Church are open wide.

We welcome every man, woman, youth and child who is disturbed by a sense of need, who hungers for a nobler life, who seeks a better world and who aspires to faithfully follow Jesus.

We summon you:

To the beauty of the worship of God-  
To the service of bewildered humanity-  
To a friendly fellowship with others who seek the best-  
To the dangerous adventure of building a new world.



**EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**  
**APRIL 12, 2009**

# OUR 35TH YEAR AS A UNITED CHURCH

Emmanuel United Church  
Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor  
Ben McCormack, Organist  
Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director

April 12, 2009  
EASTER SUNDAY

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Gathering Song Hymn #266, "Were You There?", v.4  
103, "He Is Lord", 2x

Call to Worship  
Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Hear the good news: Christ is risen!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

\*Hymn 268, "Christ The Lord is Risen Today"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

## SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory Music

\*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem, "Roll, Roll the Stone"

Children's Time

## PRAYING AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Sharing of Announcements, Joys, and Concerns.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen

\*Hymn 276, "The Day of Resurrection"

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Luke 24:1-12

Message, "What Difference Does Easter Make?"

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn 269, "Christ Arose!"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*You are invited to stand

Please remember to keep your cell phones and iPods turned off  
during worship. Thank you

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome each of you to worship today, and hope you receive a blessing from the service. If you are visiting with us today, please sign our guest book located in the back and pick up a church brochure.



**Thought for the Day:**

**"Just when I thought there would be no more light in the Jerusalem sky,  
The Bright and Morning Star appeared,  
and the darkness has not overcome it"**

**Ann Weems, Kneeling in Jerusalem**



**What's Happening at Emmanuel United Church**

**Today: 6:30 -Easter Sunrise Service  
11:00 -Worship**

There are no afternoon activities today so that everyone may enjoy Easter with their families.

**Wednesday: 7:00- Choir**

**Next Sunday: 9:45 – Sunday School**

**11:00 -Worship, Lay Sunday**

**2:30 – Musical Rehearsal**



**Special days-This Week:**

**Birthdays**

16 Jeremy Wilkinson

Jack Gartner

**Blessings to You!**



**Pastor Jerrie will be in the office (or home office) on Mon. and Tues. morning.** She leaves early Wed. for New England – for 4 days of conferences in Mass. and 5 days vacation in Maine. She will return late on April 23. (She will not be available by email, so please call her cell phone if you need to reach her, 331-0390. The Elders also have the # of the conference center in Mass. where the cell may not work.)

**Thank-you** to everyone who helped beautify the sanctuary this morning with lovely flowers in memory or honor of loved ones.

**Thank-you to everyone** who helped make the Lenten season and Holy Week special at Emmanuel United. Thank-you for extra work and reading and energy. Special thanks go to the Board of Elders. **A big thank-you** to the Sunday School for the beautiful Easter baskets they made for our homebound members, and to the youth group and drivers for delivering them.

**Our Spring Mission campaign** has concluded and our total is **\$1078**. There are still coins from the fish to be totaled too! We have also received an anonymous gift of \$500 to be used for our missions! We are very grateful for this generous offering.

The Baptism class will not meet until April 26 – but don't forget your homework!

## YOUTH GROUP

**April 19:** Movie & Discussion: Lunch in the Round Room. Missions paperwork will be handed out to those planning to go.

**Spring Spin** ticket information is on the back table in the sanctuary. The dates for Great Escape this year are May 9-10, 16-17, 22-25 (Memorial Day weekend) and May 28-31. The teens are taking orders and payment until May 3. For more information see any member of the youth group.

Flyers for the musical *"Lifesong"* will be available soon, but it's not too late to invite your friends and neighbors to a performance on May 15 or 16 at the church, or May 17 at the Arts Center on the Hudson. The cast and crew are working hard in preparation, so make plans now to be here one evening – or all three!

### Props still needed are:

megaphone(s) pizza carrier (insulated box)  
1 small tent

### **It's a new month, so donations to the food pantry are needed.**

Thank you for continuing to generously support the need for food in our community. Our monthly food donation goal is 100 items each month.

