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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**

Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor

Ben McCormack, Organist

Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director

April 13, 2008-11:00 A.M.

### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**Praise song**

**He is Exalted**, Twila Paris

(CCLI#2243065)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#76 *Psalm 148*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Hymn 66, *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Wonderful God, we are so grateful for this beautiful world that you have created for us. On this spring morning we confess that we have not always treated it well. We have exhausted fertile soil and laid concrete and asphalt over much of the land. We have dangerously reduced many creatures of the sea and the land. We have polluted rivers, lakes, and oceans. You entrusted the earth to us, and in many ways we have failed. We have forgotten your commandment to "replenish the earth". We long to be better stewards of this planet and all its resources, to share it with all your creation, and to remember that you are the Creator and Sustainer of life. Loving Lord, strengthen us to be better tenders of your garden, guide us in making good decisions, and forgive us when we fail. In the name of Jesus, who lived among us on this earth, we pray. Amen

Words of assurance

### **SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS**

A Moment with Mission

Offering and Offertory

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

Anthem

Time with Our Children

*(Children through Second Grade may leave for Children's Church following the Children's Time.)*

### **PRAYING AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

Sharing of Joys, Concerns and Celebrations

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 64, *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* v. 1,2,5

### **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Reading from the Word: Selections from Genesis 1 ; Psalm 24: 1-6

Message, "How to Tend the Garden Without Worshipping the Trees"

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn 40, *"This Is My Father's World"* v.1,2

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*please stand if able

**Flowers on the altar today are given by Jeanne Anderson  
in thanksgiving for the safe arrival of her  
granddaughter, Melani**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome each of you to worship on this Third Sunday after Easter, 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.

### What's Happening at Emmanuel United Church

**Today:** 11:00-Worship  
12:30-Boaard of Elders meeting  
No baptism or bible study class this week

**Thursday** 7:00-Choir

**Next Sunday:** 9:45-Sunday School  
11:00-Worship

**Don't forget** to continue to bring food for the community food pantry. Let's keep up the goal of **100 items** a month. Thank you!

Pastor Jerrie will be in the office Tuesday - Thursday mornings this week. Please call her on her cell (331-0390) or at home if you need to reach her. Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

**Today** is the first of two Sundays celebrating Earth Day. Next Sunday, we will have an opportunity to share what we do (or would like to do) to protect the earth.

**Today there is an Earth Prayer Day** at St. George's in Clifton Park, from 3-4:30pm. Everyone is welcome and there will be prayer by community leaders, music and song, and refreshments. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway.

## SPRING MISSION CAMPAIGN ZITI LUNCH

**On Sunday, April 27** the Board of Elders will put on a luncheon immediately following the worship service for the purpose of raising money and awareness for missions. Rev. Eric Fagins will be our guest speaker, and he will talk about his experiences with Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts. The menu will be baked ziti, salad, Italian bread, dessert and beverage. Cost for the meal is \$6.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children 12 and under. There is a sign-up sheet in the rear of the sanctuary for people to donate desserts and beverages.

**The newsletter deadline is Thurs. April 17.** Please feel to send articles and information to the office e mail address:  
EUCMECH@yahoo.com

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Check out the material for children, **grades 3-5** provided by the Board of Christian Ed. in the containers in the front of the church. Please return the items to the containers after the service.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Volunteers are still needed for the youth group work/mission trip to **York, Pa., July 20-25**. This is a good opportunity to join the youth in a major work project. Please see Vera Petronis for more information.

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

Would you like to donate **flowers** for a significant event in your life, or in honor or in memory of someone special? You may do so by signing up on the flower chart on the back table. The cost is \$10 for both vases and you may send money to the church office or drop it in the collection plate.