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Emmanuel United Church  
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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.



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Ben McCormack, Organist

Mary Beth Fusco, Choir Director

April 27, 2008-11:00 A.M.

EARTH SUNDAY

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Praise song

**He is Exalted**, Twila Paris

(CCLI#2243065)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

For everything there is a season,  
And a time to every purpose under heaven,

**A time to be born and a time to die,**

**A time to weep and a time to laugh**

A time to mourn and a time to dance,

A time to seek and a time to lose,

**A time to keep and a time to cast away,**

**A time to rend and a time to sew.**

**ALL: God has made everything beautiful in it's time.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Hymn 17, "*Great is the faithfulness*"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (silent)

Words of assurance

## SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

A Moment with Mission

Offering and Offertory

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

Anthem, Joy (*John Ellis*)

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 418, "*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*" v. 1-3

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Isaiah 58:13-14

Message, "*Letting your Soul Catch Up*"

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn 502, "*The Master has Come*"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*please stand if able

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome each of you to worship on this fifth 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.

### **Thought for the Week:**

**“Pain is inevitable, suffering is optional.”**

**M. Kathleen Casey**

### What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church

<b>Today:</b>	<b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>11:00</b> -Worship <b>12:30</b> -Mission Campaign Lunch Board of Trustees meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:15</b> -Search Committee
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:30</b> -Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00</b> -Choir
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30</b> -Church work day
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>9:45</b> -Sunday School <b>11:00</b> -Worship, Communion <b>12:30</b> -Board of Elders and Christian Education meeting

**Pastor Jerrie** will be in the office Tuesday-Friday in the mornings. She is also available by phone, so please call if you need her (331-0390). Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

Please help EUC keep our goal of **100 food items** a month for the food pantry. Thank you!

Be sure to pick up a May newsletter before you leave this morning. It is also online at the church website, [www.eucmech.org](http://www.eucmech.org).  
Thank-you, Jon!

## SPRING MISSION CAMPAIGN NEWS

**Today is the Spring Mission Campaign Ziti Lunch.** 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 \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 12 and under. Please join us for fellowship and the opportunity to raise awareness and funds for mission work. So far we have raised **\$505** for our mission projects!

## SPRING CLEAN-UP

**Next Saturday is the Church-wide Work Day!**, begging at 8:30 am. It would be a big help if every family could bring a bucket, sponge, and a rake. Coffee, juice and doughnuts will be provided, and hopefully we will be done by noon.

**Malta Presbyterian Church is having a Brooks Barbecue and Book Sale**, on Saturday, May 3rd. Serving is from 4-7pm and the book sale starts at 2pm. \$10.00 for half chicken, slaw, potato, roll drink and dessert. The dinner is takeout only. The church is in Dunning St. in Malta, just east of the Route 9 traffic circle.



**Two weeks from today is both Mother's Day and Pentecost.** We will also be celebrating the ordinance of Christian Baptism and Confirmation. Be sure to join us on this very special Sunday, and for a special reception following the service. And if you have something red, this is the Sunday to wear it!

## 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.

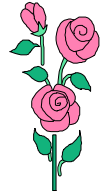
## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Next week is the deadline for handing in Spring Spin ticket orders!** Also, mission paperwork will be handed out next week, and we will get started working on Iron Chef!

The youth group work/mission trip to York, Pa., is scheduled for **July 20-25. We are still looking for volunteers** to help with this trip. This is a good opportunity to join the youth in a major work project. Please see Vera Petronis for more information.

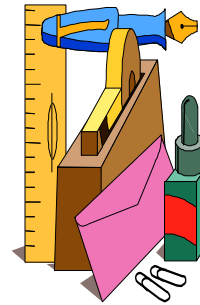
**ONGOING MINISTRIES Greeters:** There are still some slots available for Sunday greeters. Please sign up in the back of the church to exercise the gift of hospitality and take a turn at greeting worshippers this spring. You may sign up for one or more Sundays. Thank You.

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.



## **A note of thanks-from the home office staff:**

I can't begin to count the number of blessings I have received since coming here last summer. You have warmly welcomed me, been patient with my mistakes in the bulletins and newsletters, and encouraged me that I really can do something other than be a mom (and an above average bowler). Thank you all for the notes, gift cards, and presents for Administrative Professionals Week. Being your parish secretary has been a true blessing for me. Abby



## *fear of jony*

*There was a religious woman who had to do a lot of traveling for her business. Jony made her very nervous, so she always took her bible along with her. One time, she was sitting next to a man. When he said her pull out her bible, he gave a little chuckle and smirk and went back to what he was doing. After awhile, he turned to her and asked, "You don't really believe all that stuff in there do you?" The woman replied, "Of course I do. It is the bible." He said, "Well, what about that guy that was swallowed by that whale?" She replied, "Oh, Jonah. Yes, I believe that, it is in the bible." He asked, "Well, how do you suppose he survived all that time inside the whale?" The woman said, "Well, I don't really know. I guess when I get to heaven, I will ask him." "What if he isn't in heaven?" the man asked sarcastically. "Then you can ask him," replied the woman.*