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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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# Emmanuel United Church

Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor

Ben McCormack, Organist

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March 23, 2008-11:00 A.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Hymn 266, "Were you there", v.4

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed!**

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**All: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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

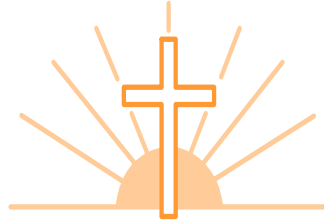
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Joy floods our hearts on this celebration day, O God, and we are eager to hear the good news of Easter. But in these quiet moments we recall why we long for such good news. It is so easy to be cynical. We are overwhelmed by violence and greed, power and corruption. The bad news is easier to believe. Forgive us, O God, and lead us to new life. The darkness of doubt and unbelief is an easier path to follow. Filled with ourselves, our worries, and our fears, we forget to look up and see you, and hear you, O God. Forgive us, Lord, and lead us to new life. In the name of Jesus, who brings new life, we pray. Amen

Words of assurance

Responsive reading (bulletin)



## SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offering and Offertory

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

Anthem, "Roll, Roll The Stone" (Joseph Martin)

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 269, "Christ Arose"

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word: Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17

Special Music "The Lion and the Lamb" (From King of the Jungle)

Reading from the Word: Luke 22:39-46, John 19:38-20:9

Message, "Three Gardens"

Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn 267 - "In the Garden" v. 1,2

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those able will please stand

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome each of you to worship on this Easter Sunday, 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:**

" The Christian news is that Jesus of Nazareth has been raised from death, that death no longer has dominion over him. I have bet my living and now I am able to bet my dying that Jesus will have the last word." Walter Bouman



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

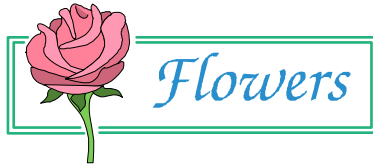
- Today:** 11:00-Worship- Happy Easter!
- Tuesday** 7:00-Play Dress rehearsal
- Thursday :** 7:00-Choir
- Friday & Sat.-7pm-King of the Jungle**
- Next Sunday:** 9:45-Sunday School
- 11:00-Worship and coffee hour

Pastor Jerrie will in the office Tuesday- Friday in the mornings this week. Please call her cell phone or the parsonage if you need to reach her any other time. Abby Bee is in the office Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am-1pm.

**Weekly Bible Study**-is taking a break this week. We will resume next week at our usual time on Wed. evenings at 7:30. We are reading Jesus' Blueprint for Prayer, a study of the Lord's Prayer. Please join us on April 2nd for a time of discussion, sharing, and prayer. Everyone is welcome.

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank-you to everyone who brought plants to help beautify the sanctuary on this Easter Sunday morning. Thank-you also to all who decorated the scene for the musical next week.



### Easter plants and flowers have been given in Loving Memory of:

Flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of

Larry Rowland by Patti Morris.

Harry E. Wood, by the Wood Family

Mimi, by Meg and Jill

Nanny, by Meg and Jill

Dick and Mollie Shepard, by Pastor Jerrie

Emmanuel United Church announces the **Rowland/Waller/Pierson Memorial Scholarship** for any active Emmanuel United Church member who is a graduating high school senior, going on to higher education. It is a \$250.00 scholarship per year of higher education, with a maximum of 4 years. Applications can be found on the website, at the back of the church, or from the church office. Applications are due back no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 to the attention of the Board of Trustees.

### **From Florence Amann:**

Florence now has a closed captioned-type telephone that gives a visual display of voices. To call her on this phone system, dial **1-877-243-2823**, then dial 664-2353. There is a bit of a delay when using this system, as it prints your words on her screen. Please speak slowly and enjoy a lovely chat!

## More Announcements

A big thank you to all who brought food this month, and for Larry's memorial service. Thanks so much to Bill Bobear for counting, sorting and delivering the food. (lets work on 100 more for April!)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education has provided Biblically based material for children in **grades 3-5**. Please put the material back in the container and return to front pew after the service. Thank you.

Next week will all be enjoying the musical, "King of the Jungle." A big thank-you to everyone, youth and adults, who are working so hard on this production. Please take flyers from the back table and spread the word! This year donations will be directed to the family of Gabby Rocco, from our prayer list. Updates on Gabby's condition can be found at: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/gabriellarocco](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/gabriellarocco).

## 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.

## More Youth News

Camping brochures for Pathfinder are on the back table. Please pick one up if you're interested, and also an application for the Ostrander Fund. There are also special opportunities for off-site camps for Sr. Highs. Open House at Pathfinder is Sat., June 6. If you've never been there, this is a great time to get acquainted with the camp.



## 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.

