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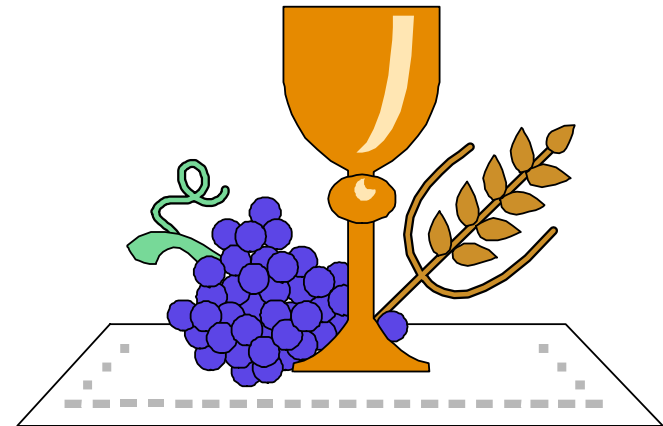


The doors of this Church are open wide.

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

May 4, 2008-11:00 A.M.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Praise song

"The Days of Elijah"

(CCLI#2243065)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymnbook #32- Psalm 100

*Hymn 35, *"We Will Glorify"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we know that we fail you in many ways, by the things we do and the things we fail to do. We often fall short of being the people you created us to be. Yet we are blessed to know your love and your continued care in our lives, even when we are led through the wilderness. Give us the grace, Lord, to use our wilderness times for learning and growth. May we have the vision to discern your presence, even when we feel far away from you. We know, dear God, that you are never far from us. May we never, ever forget. Amen.

Words of assurance

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

A Moment with Mission

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology (No. 623) and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem, *"Sanctuary"* (Thompson, Scruggs)

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 486, *"Day by Day"* vs. 1,3

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Word, - 1Kings 19:1-9

Meditation: *"Bread for the Wilderness"*

MEETING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

*Communion Hymn 442, *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*, v.1,3

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Hymn 138 *"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*, vs. 1

*Benediction

*Postlude

* Please stand, if able

**Flowers on the altar today are given
in honor and thanksgiving for
Meghan Salmon's 18th birthday**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome each of you to worship on this sixth 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. We especially welcome visitors, as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. All who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to the table.



Thought for the Week:

Pain nourishes courage. You can’t be brave if you’ve only had wonderful things happen to you.”

Mary Tyler Moore



What’s Happening at Emmanuel United Church

- Today:** 9:45 Sunday School
11:00-Worship, Communion
12:30-Board of Elders and
Board of Christian Education meeting
- Thursday** 7:00-Choir
- Saturday 8:30-Noon-CABA/ ABW Conference**
- Next Sunday:** Happy Pentecost and Mother’s Day!
9:45-Sunday School
11:00-Worship

There will be no Baptism class or Bible Study this week. Both will meet again on May 14th. Pastor Jerrie will be in the office on Tuesday and Friday mornings. She is out of town for a Presbyterian Renewal conference Tuesday-Thursday afternoon. 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.

“Grease!” If you missed the performance of “Grease” at the high school last night, there is another performance today at 4pm. Nina Fusco and Collin Stangle are part of the cast.

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

A Great Big Thank You to all who helped with the work day here yesterday.

The CABA American Baptist Women's Spring Meeting will be next Saturday, May 10th at FBC, Hoosick Falls. Registration is at 8:30; program begins at 9. The program concludes with lunch at 12:30. Please let Pastor Jerrie know if you would like to attend.

SPRING MISSION CAMPAIGN NEWS

So far the Spring Mission campaign has raised over **\$1200** in the last 3 weeks. This is the last week of the spring campaign and we are very close to our mission goal of \$1400.00! Thank you!

Next week is both Mother's Day and Pentecost. Be sure to join us on this very special Sunday; if you have something **RED**, this is the Sunday to wear it!

Two weeks from today is Baptism Sunday. Be sure to be here for this very special Sunday and for a reception following the service.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Today is the deadline for handing in **Spring Spin ticket orders!** Also, mission paperwork will be handed out, 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 still need one more volunteer** 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.

ONGOING MINISTRIES cont.

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.



From the Home Office:

We are currently beginning to update the **parish directory**. Please fill out the slip in the bulletin with your address, phone and e mail information as you would like it to appear in the directory.

Also: In order to keep an updated mailing list, please check the sheet in the back of the sanctuary and indicate if you would like to have your newsletter mailed to you, pick it up in church or get it from the church website. Thank You!

Baseball Psalm

*The Lord is my Manager; I shall not quit.
He maketh to run in green outfields.
He leadeth me along the straight basepaths.
He restoreth my place in the heavenly lineup.
He leadeth me in reading life's signals for His game's sake.
Even though I walk up to a volley of devilish pitches,
I will fear no strikeout, for Thou art with me.
Thou dost promise me a bonus in the presence of my opponents.
Thou anointest my sore spots with balm; my locker runneth over.
Surely my statistics will be forgiven me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in The Eternal Hall of Fame.*

Barbara Loots
Kansas City, MO