

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

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April 28, 2024

10 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Bold invites congregation to participate. An asterisk (*) indicates “stand as you are able.”

PRELUDE

Great Is the Lord
Amy Kwon

arr. Stan Pethel

WELCOME

To my neighbors present, and to those who join us online, I lay down all differences and ask the same of you. With our shared goal of equality for all identities, let us now open our hearts to each other and God, ensuring the safety of grace and peace to all present. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

God rules over the nations of the earth:

Peoples of the Pacific, families on farmlands, all worship God Almighty!

This One is God of our ancestors and our descendants.

In Jesus, we are connected to one another in a vine of covenant.

Bear and share the fruit of Christ's love

That we may proclaim a just world for all!

*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy God, you sent us Jesus as our comforter and guide. We give you thanks for the ways he cares for us. Help us be empowered to join him in protecting the oppressed and marginalized. We pray this in gratitude for your provision. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE ***Gloria Patri*** (sung)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;**

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

The Earth Is the Lord

arr. Roger Thornhill

(Given to the Glory by Jenny & Larry Myers in honor of God's saints – past and present)

Chancel Choir

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Heifer International Presentation

Peg Moulton

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, for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark Deardorff

John 15:1-8

This is the word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN #402 ***Sing of Colors (De Colores)***

MESSAGE

Rev. Ken Peterkin

TIME FOR FOCUS AND PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Softly and Tenderly
Amy Kwon

arr. Shirley Brendlinger

*DOXOLOGY *A song of thanks for God's abundance*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Dear God, Holy Vine Grower, you are love. May the offerings we share today be a source of hope for the poor. Help us to live out your commandment to love others, not just because we reach out to them as our sisters and brothers, but also because as *our* sisters and brothers, *they* reach out to *us* as well. Amen.

*HYMN #32 ***God of the Sparrow God of the Whale***

verses 1,3,4,5

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Hymn to Joy"

Beethoven/arr. Matthew H. Corl

Amy Kwon

Now that worship has ended, let service begin

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Our House – Is Your House!

We hope you feel welcomed and relaxed here. Our church (Emmanuel) and our denomination (The United Church of Christ) practice "radical hospitality." Your presence here today is an honor to us. Let us and Rev. Ken know how we might get to know you better. Please tell us about yourself by filling out a Welcome Card found on the back of the pew in front of you. Return your card in the offering. Thanks!

Sunday School for Children

The Children's Sunday School program for children age 4 through 7th grade is held in the downstairs classroom after the Children's Time during worship.

Nursery

The nursery is located across from the elevator in the Frock Annex. At any time, you may take children to the nursery, where the service can be heard.

Adult Sunday School

Adult Learning Hour meets for lively book discussions Sunday mornings September to May in Bowers Chapel and by Zoom.

The current book is "The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World" by Sharon Brous. For info, email Brian at brianfrederick44@gmail.com. Pick up books in the office.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Consistory selects new leadership

Consistory President Chuck Siegel has resigned from his leadership role and also stepped down as Worship & Music Committee Chair. The Consistory thanks Chuck for his years of dedicated service!

Following a special meeting on April 20, Consistory selected Alec Sivel as Interim President through 2024 and announced Brian Frederick will begin a term as President in 2025.

The board will be seeking a new Treasurer in 2025 and also aims to fill its Secretary vacancy.

25th Anniversary Concert Season concludes May 12

Grace EunHye Oh will present a program of Mendelssohn, Widor, Rameau and more on our magnificent 1930 E.F. Skinner organ. The concert will be 3 pm Sunday, May 12. Grace has been performing and teaching internationally for years. Recent major invitations include festivals and solo recitals in Russia, Italy, Germany, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan as well as at Notre-Dame in Paris.

Monthly Mindfulness: May 5

The next first Sunday Monthly Mindfulness Drop-In session with Karen Jones will be 6 pm next Sunday in Bowers Chapel. Use the courtyard door by the chapel. The 45-minute program is free and the mindfulness sessions are open to all, whether you are a long-time practitioner or trying something new. For a Zoom link or questions, email Karen at kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com. Learn more at: www.mindfulnessandmotion.com.

First Sunday Communion Gifts

Our First Sunday Communion Gifts offering will be next Sunday, May 5. Please bring pantry items, hygiene products or cleaners, which will be shared among New Hope Ministries' food pantry, the Hanover Area Council of Church's PAL Lunch program and God's Meal Barrel.

PAL Lunch volunteers needed

Help is needed at the Hanover Area Council of Churches PAL Lunch on Tuesday, April 30. Work 9-11 am or 11 am-1 pm to prepare, serve and clean up. To help, contact Estelle King at estellebking@icloud.com or 717-487-1906.

Desserts needed for concert

Calling all bakers (or shoppers)! The Fellowship Committee is seeking desserts for the reception after the organ concert on May 12. Please bring your cookies, brownies, bars or other desserts to the church by 11 am that day. For info, contact the church office.

Girl Scout Cookie sales

Did you know Emmanuel is home to Girl Scouts? We host newly-formed Daisy Troop 80119 two Wednesdays a month in the first floor classroom. Girl Scout cookie sales continue online through May 5. To support the troop, order online for shipping to your home. Visit:

<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/eloise626700>

Girls in kindergarten and first grade are welcome to join the troop. For info, contact Troop Leader Ashley Miller at ashley.en.brown@gmail.com or 717-698-4706.

Volunteers needed for upcoming festivals

The Church Growth team is gauging interest in volunteer availability for two festivals this summer: Pride Fest on June 29 at Moul Field and the SnackTown Street Fair downtown on July 13. Find details or sign up on the purple clipboard.

Pastoral concerns

If you have an emergency or any pastoral concerns, please call Rev. Ken at 860-581-0869.

► **New names on the prayer list will be in bold** for the first week and prayer concerns will remain on the list for a month, unless you request additional time.

Please remember those who are in need of prayer and special encouragement at this time and throughout the year.

Jane Anderson, mother of Jenny Myers

Jim Bankert, friend of James McLin

Larry Donner, who died recently; he was the father-in-law of Amy Kwon

Joy and Gary Garber, friends of Elaine Weaver

Jane Moore

Jane Siegel

Helen Smith, sister of Charlotte Pinette

UPCOMING WEEK: APRIL 28–MAY 5

Sunday, April 28

10 am Worship with music from the Chancel Choir; Children's Message; Children's Sunday School; Fellowship Hour sponsor: Lorraine & Win Phillips

Monday, April 29

1 pm Compassionate Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor

Tuesday, April 30

9 pm-1 pm PAL Lunch at Hanover Area Council of Churches

Wednesday, May 1

12-1 pm Bowers Chapel open for an hour of quiet reflection

Thursday, May 2

1:30-4 pm Afternoon of Games in King Auditorium

6-8:30 pm Handbell and Choir rehearsals

Friday, May 3

9:15 am Coffee ER with Rev. Ken at The Reader's Café

Saturday, May 4

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Sunday, May 5

8:30 am Adult Learning Hour in Bowers Chapel and by Zoom

10 am Worship with Holy Communion; music from the Chancel Choir; Children's Message; Children's Sunday School; Fellowship Hour Sponsor: Estelle King

6 pm Drop-in Monthly Mindfulness in Bowers Chapel

A LOOK AHEAD

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held 9-11:30 am June 17-21, in collaboration with Trinity UCC at their facilities. The program is free and all children ages 4-12 are welcome for music, games, crafts snacks, Bible Stories and fun! The theme is "Scuba – Diving into Friendship with God." Registration forms are available in the narthex, office or by emailing office@eucchanover.org.

April 28: Heifer International offering

Forging a Future – Plan B(ee)

About 4.8 million people live below the poverty line in Honduras, with agriculture as their main source of income, they have faced the challenges of inadequate earnings, unfavorable weather, and insufficient infrastructure. As a result, many young people have left rural farming communities for work elsewhere.

Rosa Castro, aged 64, has seen this happen firsthand. She took over raising her grandchildren when her son left in search of a dependable livelihood. Rosa wants young people in her country to get a good education and find job opportunities in their own communities.

For a decade, Heifer has been working with Honduran communities to deal with the challenge of building profitable farms. With training on producing healthier livestock and introducing complementary practices such as beekeeping, Heifer is helping farmers like Rosa diversify their income, improve production, enhance the quality of their produce and earn sustainable living incomes for their families – all within their communities.

Beekeeping had been virtually abandoned in several areas of Honduras because of a disease called Nosema that killed many bees. To support beekeepers, Heifer organized training sessions for Farmer Field Schools on beehives, sanitation, honey production, processing and techniques to prevent diseases in bees. They also distributed 450 two-level bee hives. Currently 32 field schools in Rosa's community of Olancho produce nearly 14,000 bottles of honey a year.

To generate employment opportunities in her community, Rosa started a youth-led beekeeping initiative with the help of Heifer. She now helps a small group of young people manage 13 beehives. The group recently harvested 60 liters of honey, which they sold for about \$6 a liter. The money was reinvested in a rural bank where farmers pool their money and provide low-interest loans to each other.

Rosa's granddaughter appreciates her grandmother's resolution to inspire youth: "She is an elderly person who likes to get involved in everything that is good to the local community." Rosa envisions having a local secondary school that will help the upcoming generations access education and follow their dreams. With Heifer's help, she believes it will happen.

■ Please consider making a generous donation this week. Make checks to Emmanuel UCC and write "Heifer" in the memo or use an offering envelope found at any exit.

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Open & Affirming Welcoming Statement

We, the members of Emmanuel United Church of Christ, Hanover, Pennsylvania, are a community of Christians who believe that all people are created in God's image. As we seek to fulfill our mission to live out Christ's compassion and grace, fairness and equality, we welcome into our community of faith all persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, age, race, ethnic origin, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing and family structure; and we invite each of them to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, rites and sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love. Therefore, we celebrate ourselves as an Open and Affirming Christian Community.