

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

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March 31, 2024

10 am

Easter

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

PRELUDE

Fanfare
Emmanuel Ringers

arr. Martha L. Thompson

How Firm a Foundation
Chuck Siegel, Euphonium

arr. Stephen Bulla

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Rev. Ken Peterkin

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 #233 ***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

We gather in the presence of God’s love to celebrate the best love story ever told.

The Holy Story of the Risen Christ!

A story of the Risen Christ who came as a sacrificial lamb to heal a hurting world.

The Divine sign of God’s love and grace.

The story of three women who rose early to care for Jesus’ body in the tomb.

An act to honor God’s loving presence sent to be among us.

These women arrived and saw an empty tomb; they were shocked and afraid.

They remembered the symbol of human shame of the old rugged cross.

But the story did not end with the crucified Jesus. An Angel of God appeared in the empty tomb, and their terror transformed into amazement.

God’s love had once again been revealed.

The journey of the three women continued; they were asked to go out and spread the Good News of God’s love, peace, and justice found in the Risen Christ!

Today, we receive this Good News; Christ is Risen. He is Risen as He said!

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Resurrecting God, Strengthen in us the will to go out, sharing your Good News of God’s redeeming love. Guide us in telling the story of your endless love through our words and deeds. Remind us of your presence. Fill our hearts with your ways of love that bring about peace and justice for all. With your loving embrace, protect us in the face of terror and hateful actions. Bring us your hope found in the excitement of eternal life and saving love exemplified in Jesus, the Risen Christ! 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

Resurrection Celebration
(Given by Ann and Billy Wilkinson to the Glory of God
and with thanks for His risen Son, Easter 2013)
Chancel Choir

Heather Sorenson

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Ken Peterkin

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

***Laura Jacoby & Greg Hoy
Lorraine & Win Phillips
Kyra & Clay Reichart***

INVITATION AND INTRODUCTION

WORDS OF INTENT

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All who are able may stand. The responses are made in unison by all those agreeing..

PASTOR: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

PASTOR: Do you believe in God? If so, answer, "I believe in God."

PEOPLE: I believe in God.

PASTOR: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ.

PASTOR: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

#885

(in unison)

PEOPLE: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

PROMISES OF PARTICIPATION

PASTOR: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

CANDIDATES: I promise, with the help of God.

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

PASTOR: Let us, the members of, Emmanuel United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

PEOPLE: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Alec Sivel, Consistory Vice President

PASTOR: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Emmanuel United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

*HYMN #393 ***Blessed Be the Tie that Binds***

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark Deardorff

John 20:1-18

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

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

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Children's Choir, Piano

*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)

Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful for your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.

*HYMN #245 ***The Day of Resurrection***

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Chuck Siegel, Euphonium • Amy Kwon, Clavinova

arr. Lani Smith

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. *The nursery will not be staffed today.*

Adult Sunday School

Adult Learning Hour meets for lively book discussions Sunday mornings September to May in Bowers Chapel and by Zoom. Study of “Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again” by Rachel Held Evans will conclude soon. Stay tuned for news of what’s next! For info, contact Brian at brianfrederick44@gmail.com.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Altar flowers

Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Sandy Rebert in memory of and in honor of the Gitt and Rebert families.

Reception of new members

Please welcome to the EUCC fellowship, Laura Jacoby & Greg Hoy, Lorraine & Win Phillips, and Kyra & Clay Reichart.

First Sunday Communion Gifts

Our First Sunday Communion Gifts offering will be next Sunday, April 7. 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 the meal. To help, contact Estelle King at estellebking@icloud.com or 717-487-1906.

Monthly Mindfulness: April 7

The next first Sunday Monthly Mindfulness Drop-In session with Karen Jones will be 6 pm April 7 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.

Fellowship Hour sponsors needed

Volunteers are needed to sponsor coffee hour every Sunday! Make your preparations as simple or as elaborate as you wish and volunteers may team up with others. Beverages are provided by the Fellowship Committee. Sign up on the green clipboard or call the office.

► In addition, Consistory is seeking a chair or co-chairs for the Fellowship Committee, as Mary Bair and Elaine Weaver step down from these roles. Contact Chuck Siegel.

Concert Series continues with piano trio on April 7

L'abri Trio enjoys a rare combination of saxophone, cello and piano – three strikingly different yet blended voices, combining to shed new light on standard piano trio repertoire. Enjoy a program of classical, jazz and modern from this world-class trio at 3 pm April 7. Admission is free. ~*Concert sponsored by Sam S. Lee*

► **Desserts are needed** for the reception following next Sunday's concert. If you are able to bring cookies, brownies or bars, please contact the church office at 717-632-8281 or Mary Bair at 717-870-5597.

Pastoral concerns

For pastoral care while Rev. Ken is away, please contact the church office at 717-632-8281.

► **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.

The family of Barry Angel, who died March 17; he was a friend of Mary Bair
Evelyn Hartman, friend of Lorraine & Win Phillips

Peter Robinson

Steve Sanders, friend of Cathy Reck
Robert Sheaffer, nephew of Sandy Sheaffer
Karen Van Duzer

Tony Warner, friend of Henry McLin and Allen Bittinger

The family of Susan Kintzing Wright, who died March 23

UPCOMING WEEK: MARCH 31-APRIL 7

Sunday, March 31 ~ Easter

8:30 am Adult Learning Hour in Bowers Chapel and by Zoom
10 am Worship with music from the Chancel Choir; Children's Message; Children's Sunday School; *No Nursery or Fellowship Hour today*

Monday, April 1 ~ Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2

4 pm Worship & Music Committee meeting

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

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

6-8:30 pm Handbell and Choir rehearsals

Sunday, April 7

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

10 am Worship with supply pastor Rev. Dot Thormaehlen, Holy Communion, music from the Chancel Choir; Children's Message; Children's Sunday School; Fellowship Hour: Laura Jacobs & Greg Hoy

A LOOK AHEAD

Out of Office: Rev. Ken will be away from the office from April 1-9. Wednesday evening book study and Coffee ER will not be held this week.

Office Closed: The church office will be closed Monday, April 1, and Friday, April 12.

Gettysburg Association Spring Meeting: 2:30 pm Sunday, April 21 at Trinity UCC, Gettysburg.



Easter flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and...

In memory of her parents, Dale & Mary Ruth Stoner, by Jody Adelsperger

In memory of Glenn & Steve Bair and Jake & Gail Thomas, by Mary & Mike Bair

In honor of Catherine & Steve Bair and Chase, Kristen & Michael Gessner, by Mary & Mike Bair

In memory of his mother, Joyce K. Deardorff, by Mark Deardorff

In memory of Merle Dubs and Kimberly Schmidt, by Dwight & Judy Dubs

In honor of Mildred Dubs and Janet Schmidt, by Dwight & Judy Dubs

In memory of Darlana Lohr and Emma Krichten, by Ethel & Floyd Lohr Jr.

In memory of Charles Morris and Paul & Mildred Koper, by Judy Morris

In memory of her parents, Jean & Dick Custer, by Peg Custer Moulton

In memory of Richard D. Custer and Gregory Custer, by Peg Custer Moulton

Love will Rise, Rev. Kenneth Peterkin and Suzanne Personette

In memory of their son, Vincent Sparacino, by Cindy & Rick Sparacino

In memory of their parents, by Karen and Karl Van Duzer

In memory of her husband, Richard C. Van Lenten Jr., by Marilyn Van Lenten

With grateful thanks for Easter donations to the Pastor's Care Fund

Jody Adelsperger

Michelle Brady

Sharlene Davis

Landy Grimm

Estelle King

Ethel & Floyd Lohr Jr.

Judy Morris

Sandy Rebert, in memory of Arlene Marks

Chuck Siegel

Marilyn Van Lenten

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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.