

# Emmanuel United Church of Christ

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10 am

## Second Sunday in Lent

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

PRELUDE

*Prelude on Heineken (Forty Days and Forty Nights)*

Setting by Alec Wyton

Amy Kwon

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 #182

***We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding***

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Do not be afraid to answer the call to discipleship.

**What does the call require?**

Letting go of our life as we know it. Following the way of the cross. Aligning our soul with God's.

**We step out in the way of Jesus by losing our life to save it.**

Do not be afraid to walk in the way of Jesus.

**We answer the call, unashamed and unafraid. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**O God, we are offered every opportunity to embrace the path that helps us gain the world at the expense of our soul. Instead, you have called us to yourself and to follow in the way of love and compassion. Teach us about Jesus' way and lure us away from the paths of self-absorption and greed. You have called us to discipleship, to self-emptying, and embracing your way with courage. May it be so. 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

*Gethsemane Hymn*  
Chancel Choir

arr. David Angerman

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark Deardorff

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Mark 8:31-38

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

HYMN #501 ***We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle***

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

*Lenten Meditation*

G.F. Handel

*God Has Been with Me Throughout the Days*  
By Sharon L. Narushoff in memory of Bea Garvick  
Amy Kwon

\*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)

**Giving God, Jesus invited us to give our lives away, take up our cross, and to follow.**

**Rather than exchanging our souls, may the sharing of these gifts nurture our commitment to walk in your way. In the name and way of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN #204 ***"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said***

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*God So Loved the World*  
Amy Kwon

arr. C. Hamlin

*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 this month.

### **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 *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. For info, contact Brian at [brianfrederick44@gmail.com](mailto:brianfrederick44@gmail.com).

## • A N N O U N C E M E N T S •

### **March Monthly Mindfulness**

This month’s free Monthly Mindfulness Drop-In session with Karen Jones will be 6 pm March 3 in Bowers Chapel. Use the courtyard door by the chapel. The 45-minute 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](mailto:kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com). Learn more at [www.mindfulnessandmotion.com](http://www.mindfulnessandmotion.com).

### **First Sunday Communion Gifts**

Our First Sunday Communion Gifts offering will be next Sunday, March 3. 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.

### **Hunger – Then and Now**

We may feel that the level of poverty around the world is at an all-time high, but in Paul’s time more than half the population lived at or below subsistence level. Many died prematurely from malnutrition. Those who had money and power used it to promote their own image. They built roads and water systems, and hosted lavish parties for their friends. Any acts to help those in need were few and far between. Government safety nets were nonexistent.

Today government help is more readily available, and individuals, churches and agencies around the world are doing what Paul urged the Galatians to do: “Every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all.” ~*Galatians 6:10*

We know that the great needs continue. Please consider joining the efforts to help those in need by donating to One Great Hour of Sharing on March 10. Your gift can “work for the benefit of all” and make a lasting difference.

### **Office visitors, use alternate door**

Construction is expected to begin this week on the steps and sidewalk in front of the church office. The brownstone steps will be removed and new concrete steps installed along with 53 feet of sidewalk. The sidewalk will be closed. While work is underway, please use the courtyard door by the chapel, if accessible, or go to the parking lot door and ring the bell for

admittance. Like the courtyard, this work will also be done by Randy A. Brady Builders & Masonry. Stop in the office to view the plans!

### **Lenten Book Study now underway**

Rev. Ken's five-week study for lent is focused on the book "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time: The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" by Marcus Borg. Sessions are 7 pm Wednesdays by Zoom through March 20. Contact the church office for info.

### **Don't forget your name tag!**

Those coming to church are encouraged to wear their name tag. If you can't find your tag, ask a Consistory member to help you! Need a name tag? Contact the church office.

### **Online giving page gets new look**

Visit the e-Giving page on our website and check out the new look. Go to [emmanuelucc.org/giving](http://emmanuelucc.org/giving) and click on the DONATE NOW button. Make an offering to the General Fund or select another category for a donation. You can also pay for Spaghetti Supper reservations here! Make a one-time donation or schedule offerings in weekly, semi-monthly or monthly installments. Pay directly from a bank account or by credit card. Current electronic givers can use their existing name and password to log in. There will be no changes to any ongoing donation plan. For questions or technical assistance, contact Maria in the church office.

### **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.**

**Andy Alloway, friend of Sandy Sheaffer**

**Barry Angel, friend of Mary Bair**

Jim Bankert, friend of Henry and Jim McLin

**The family of Jean Becker, who died February 20; she was the mother of Doug Becker**

Kim Harris, friend of Cathy Reck

The family of Arlene Marks, who died January 24

John Marx, friend of Michelle Brady

The family of Henry McKonly, who died February 7; he was the father of Steve McKonly

Terrie McGreevy, mother of Allie Crone

Archie Oller, friend of Elaine Weaver

Brian Tyler, friend of Cathy Reck

Mandy White, friend of Cathy Reck

UPCOMING WEEK: FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 3

### **Sunday, February 25**

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

10 am Worship with music by the Chancel Choir, Children's Message, Children's Sunday School; Fellowship Hour Sponsor: Megan Alcott

### **Monday, February 26**

1 pm Compassionate Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor

### **Wednesday, February 28**

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

7 pm Lenten Book study with Rev. Ken on Zoom

**Thursday, February 29**

6-8:30 pm Handbell and Choir rehearsals

**Friday, March 1**

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

**Saturday, March 2**

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

5 / 6:30 pm 42nd Annual Spaghetti Supper

**Sunday, March 3**

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: Spaghetti Supper Committee

6 pm Monthly Mindfulness in Bowers Chapel

42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spaghetti Supper  
*This Saturday ~ March 2*

Enjoy salad, bread, spaghetti, homemade desserts and beverages with entertainment by the Chancel Choir.

Tickets: \$12 for Adults / \$9 for Youth ages 5-12 / Free for Children under 5



**Reservations are required by this Thursday ~ February 29 ~** for either 5 or 6:30 pm. Use the form below, stop in the office or RSVP online. Visit EVENTS at [www.emmanuelucc.org](http://www.emmanuelucc.org) and pay on our DONATE page.

► Volunteers and desserts needed!

It's all hands on deck this week for cooking, kitchen help, serving and more. Can you make a dessert? For info or to help, see Mary Bair at church or call her at 717-870-5597.

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**Spaghetti Supper Reservation Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve my seats for: **5 pm** OR **6:30 pm** (circle one)

# \_\_\_\_ Adult tickets at \$12 each \$\_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_ Youth ages 5-12 at \$9 each \$\_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_ Seats for Children under 5 FREE

**Total Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Reservation deadline is Thursday, February 29.**

Payments are due with reservations. Make checks payable to Emmanuel UCC and send to the church office or drop in the offering plate.

A LOOK AHEAD

**Susquehanna Slide Express:** This trombone quartet will perform in the sanctuary at 3 pm Sunday, March 10. A dessert reception will follow in King Auditorium. Free!

**Gift Card Bingo:** Mark your calendar for 7 pm Friday, March 22! Doors open at 5:30 pm for dinner with games starting at 7 pm. Tickets will be \$15 at the door.

**NEW! Palm Sunday Brunch:** A Covered Dish Brunch will be held during Fellowship Hour on Palm Sunday, March 24. Please bring a brunch dish to share. Sign up on the purple clipboard. Desserts will be provided by the Bingo Committee. There will be no breakfast or Fellowship Hour on Easter Sunday.



**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.

***Easter Flowers & Pastor’s Care Fund***



To purchase flowers to decorate the sanctuary at Easter, complete this form and return to the church office or drop in the offering plate.

# \_\_\_\_\_ Potted Lilies at \$15 each \$\_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Potted Tulips at \$15 each \$\_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Potted Hyacinth at \$15 each \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Flower total \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Pastor’s Fund Offering \$\_\_\_\_\_**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_**

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Appreciation for \_\_\_\_\_

**The flower order deadline is February 26.** Make checks payable to Emmanuel UCC.

