

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

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May 12, 2024

10 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly
Amy Kwon

arr. Robert M. Vandervliet Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Day photos • Fellowship Committee • STC

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 #47

O Christ Jesus, Sent from Heaven

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Let us praise God for sending Jesus Christ to offer his saving love to us all.

We give God all our praises.

Let our hearts be filled with joyful celebration for the fulfillment of God's promises.

We open our hearts to receive the joy of Christ.

Let us move forward with Jesus Christ as our guiding light.

The light of Jesus Christ is shining in each of us.

Come, let us worship our Risen Christ, whose love and light guide us still.

*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Ever present God, we are grateful that you meet us right where we are. Speaking our language and giving us the blessed assurance that you are with us. We look forward to the glory that awaits us, trusting that Christ will guide us to our heavenly home. In his name, we pray. 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

No Greater Gift
Chancel Choir

Ruth E. Schram

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

Jeff Hopkins

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

John 17:6-19

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

*HYMN #209 ***O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free***

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

Prayer
Amy Kwon

Carl Engel

*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)

Faithful God, we thank you for every gift. We delight in returning a portion of what we have been given back to Christ's church. Your generous love and care for all creation knows no bounds. Like Christ who offered himself, let these offerings symbolize the fulfillment of your love by bringing a healing balm of hope, peace, and justice to everyone, everywhere. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #542 ***Born of God, Eternal Savior*** (verses 1 & 4)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus, What a Friend
Amy Kwon

arr. Kenneth R. Mays

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.

• A N N O U N C E M E N T S •

Altar flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Marilyn Van Lenten's 80th Birthday today by her family, Kathy and Eric, Jennifer and Walter, Jacob, David, Lloyd, and Isabelle.

Today: Final concert of the season!

Grace EunHye Oh will present an hour-long program of Mendelssohn, Widor, Rameau, Morricone and more on our magnificent 1930 E.F. Skinner organ. She will also perform "Songs My Mother Taught Me" by Antonin Dvorak, a stirring art song, in honor of Mother's Day. The concert will be 3 pm today. Grace is an organist at First Presbyterian Church in Annapolis and a faculty member at Chun University in North Carolina. Recent major invitations include festivals and solo recitals in Russia, Italy, Germany, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Paris.

Coffee ER to take break for summer

Rev. Ken's Friday and Saturday gatherings at The Reader's Café will take a hiatus this summer and resume in the fall. You can catch him this week, 9:15-10:30 am May 17 and 18, then again May 31 and June 1. Rev. Ken will be out of the office May 20 to 29. Coffee ER's name pays homage to Emmanuel's **E**vangelical and **R**eformed roots.

Lunch Bunch outing is next week

All are welcome to gather for food and fellowship after worship at noon on May 19 at Green Horizon Grill, at The Bridges, 6729 York Road (Route 30), east of Abbottstown. RSVP to Sandy Rebert, 717-586-2136.

Pentecost is May 19

You are encouraged to wear red to church next week for Pentecost, as we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Caring Committee

EUCC is growing! And with that growth, we want to be sure our members' special needs are met. Last year I compiled a list of folks who would be willing to help with meals if someone needed them and a list of folks who are available to provide occasional rides to doctors, other appointments etc. I would like to update my list. Please call or text me at 717-968-6998 or

email judymorris1@embarqmail.com if you are available for either or both lists. Even if you gave me your name before, please do so again this year!

~Judy Morris, Caring Committee Chair

Memorial Day Photo Presentation

We will honor members of the armed forces who died with a photo presentation on Sunday, May 26, for Memorial Day weekend. Digital photos are preferred and can be emailed to Alec at alecsivel@hotmail.com. Bring actual photos to the office. The deadline is Thursday, May 23.

Thank you for Communion Giving

Many thanks to those who contributed to the first Sunday Communion Giving last week. There were 17 pounds of food, 2 cleaning items, 33 hygiene products and 27 miscellaneous items including toilet paper, socks and more. They were distributed to the Hanover Area Council of Churches, New Hope Ministries and God's Meal Barrel.

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.

Kathy Angel, friend of Mary Bair

Larry Donner, who died recently; he was the father-in-law of Amy Kwon
Joy and Gary Garber, friends of Elaine Weaver

Sally Kaltreider, friend of Charlotte Pinette

Peggy Gist, friend of Cathy Reck

Vince Hall, friend of Carole Rhoten

Helen Smith, sister of Charlotte Pinette

The family of Jim Smith, who died April 25; he was a friend of Myron Bird

Kathi Thomas, Salvation Army Case Manager

UPCOMING WEEK: MAY 12-19

Sunday, May 12

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; Fellowship Hour sponsor: Greg Hoy & Laura Jacoby

3 pm Community Concert Series: Organist Grace Oh

Monday, May 13

1 pm Compassionate Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor

Tuesday, May 14

12 pm Church Growth Committee Zoom

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

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

6-8:30 pm Handbell and Choir rehearsals

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

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Sunday, May 19 ~ Pentecost

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; Fellowship Hour: New Member Reception

12 pm Lunch Bunch trip to Green Horizon Grill

A LOOK AHEAD

Out of Office: Rev. Ken will be away May 20-29.

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.

Save the date! The Homewood at Plum Creek Auxiliary's Annual Tea fundraiser will be Wednesday, July 17. Stay tuned for more information.

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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.