

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

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September 1, 2024

10 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

Here I Am to Worship
Amy Kwon

arr. Mark Hayes

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 #12 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

How is your faith?

Some days my faith is great, there is power and the ease in these days.

Let me ask again, How is your faith?

With some days I find it elusive, some things don't seem to come out right.

So, how is your faith?

In all honesty, it can be mess. But if I just call out, our God is here to revive and offer grace.

*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Blessed Lord, we're always on the path to your eternal living. You have offered us so many ways to connect with you and to shine your light in the often darkest places. For today, whether we feel the darkness or we celebrate the light, may our connection with you neverfade out. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Count Your Many Blessings
Women's Choir

J. Oatman

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Ken

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mary Bair

*HYMN #207 *Just As I Am*

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Jane Siegel

Thomas Dorsey

*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)

**Generous God, bless these gifts that we share for the flourishing of the kingdom.
Prosper the work of our hands, order the steps in our days, and align the balance of
our resources. In our time, talent, and treasure, may you be glorified. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, may we break from the bonds of unaltered, unexamined, and
unimaginative traditions. At the same time, may we be released from the compulsion to
discount everything that has been a source of life and faithful formation across
generations. Help us to discern what needs to be left in our past with honor,
recognition, and gratitude, what needs to be eradicated with lament, repentance, and
repair, and what needs to be envisioned, imagined, and created for the future. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to greet one another with the words "Peace be with you" and gestures in your own
style and comfort level*

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING

PRAYER OF THANKS

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.**

*HYMN #423 *Great is Your Faithfulness*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
Amy Kwon

arr. Mark Hayes

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!

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated monthly. The Communion Table is open to all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people. All adults, regardless of their church background, are welcome to take the elements; children and youth are welcome to partake at their parents’ discretion. You are not obligated to receive communion if you do not wish to.

Sunday School for Children

The Children’s Sunday School program for children age 4 through 7th grade is held September through June during worship in the downstairs classroom.

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 next session begins Sept. 15. Get books in the office. To sign up or for info, email Brian at brianfrederick44@gmail.com.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Next week: September 8

Worship returns to the sanctuary

A service at 10 am will featuring music from the Chancel Choir. During the Time for Children we will recognize Sunday School Teachers and Sunday School for children will resume.

Children’s Sunday School

Students age 4 to 7th grade adjourn to the classroom after the Time for Children to review the Children’s Message and read the Gospel passage for the week followed by a discussion. Sessions conclude with a game, craft or other activity.

Member Appreciation Sunday

Fellowship Hour will be a celebration of the congregation hosted by the Church Growth team featuring a Hawaiian-themed coffee hour with giveaways, a raffle for Hanover Little Theatre tickets and meet-and-greets with committee chairs.

Coming up: Annual Yard Sale!

Mark your calendars for our annual Yard Sale: September 13 and 14. Hours are 9 am-4 pm Friday; 9 am-1 pm Saturday.

Donations: We're looking for household items and other good stuff from your closets, attic, garage and basement. No clothing or books, please. Electronics must be functioning.

Helpers: Help is needed for set up, 9 am-1 pm Wednesday, and Thursday, Sept. 11-12; for cleanup 9 am-1 pm Monday, Sept. 16; and for help on sale days.

For questions, info or to volunteer: Contact Estelle King at 717-487-1906 or by email at estellebking@icloud.com.

Monthly Mindfulness: Today

Our First Sunday Monthly Mindfulness Drop-In session with Karen Jones will be 6 pm today in King Auditorium. 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.

Laity Sunday participants sought

Emmanuel will observe Laity Sunday at 10 am October 20 by celebrating *your* ministry, with lay persons leading all parts of the worship service. Many people are needed! To participate, contact Cheryl Fritz or Charlotte Pinette.

Lunch Bunch is next week

The group will gather for food and fellowship after worship at 12 pm, September 8, at Avalon Ale House in its new location, 1418 Baltimore St., Hanover. RSVP to Sandy Rebert, 717-586-2136.

Adult Sunday School resumes Sept. 15

Adult Learning Hour will resume September 15 featuring "The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to Bring Them Back?" Authors Jim Davis, Michael Graham and Ryan P. Burge take insights from the largest and most comprehensive study of dechurching in America and drill down on how exactly people are dechurching with respect to beliefs, behavior and belonging. Books are available in the church office. Sessions are 8:30 am Sundays in Bowers Chapel and by Zoom. To sign up or for more info, email Brian at brianfrederick44@gmail.com.

You're invited: Green Team

As we enter the Season of Creation, celebrated by Christian congregations worldwide, we invite you to visit the Green Table in the auditorium after today's service. This week we'll follow up on our celebration of birds with info you can use to nurture the birds in our area as well as a list of recommended bird books. You can share your suggestions for discussion topics and environmental efforts and pop them into the flower pot. Please consider signing up to join our Green Team as we plan our next steps in growing greener.

Diversity Festival volunteers needed

The Hanover Area Diversity Alliance will hold its annual Diversity Festival 11 am-5 pm, Saturday, September 28, in Wirt Park, Hanover. The free family-friendly celebration will feature music and entertainment, multi-ethnic food trucks, nonprofits, service providers and other vendors, and an area for children's activities. Stop by Emmanuel's table and say "Hi!" to the Church Growth Team. To volunteer, sign up on the purple clipboard or call the office.

Afternoon of Games

After meeting at Genova's over the summer, the Gamers are back in King Auditorium this week for Afternoon of Games, 1:30-4 pm on first and third Thursdays. Join them for Scrabble, cards, board games, snacks and fellowship. New players are always welcome! For info, call Carol Gieseey at 717-632-2665.

Compassionate Crafters

Emmanuel's Compassionate Crafters are working on scarves and hats for our cold weather clothesline, and encourage the purchase of gloves for winter distribution. In addition, they currently have a surplus of wool yarn, and suggest anyone who would like some could make a donation to the Missions Committee. Meetings are 1 pm Mondays in the Pastor's Parlor. The group is off this week for Labor Day, but will be back on September 9. All crafters are welcome to bring a project, swap techniques and enjoy fellowship. For info, call Sandy Rebert at 717-586-2136.

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.

Charles Abend, cousin of Carol Gieseey
Jessica Backus
Peggy Buohl, grandmother of Kyra Reichart
Jeanne Bowers
Andrew Gilpin, classmate of Alec Sivel
Jim Schuman, friend of Emmanuel

UPCOMING WEEK: SEPTEMBER 1-8

Sunday, September 1

10 am Worship in King Auditorium with Holy Communion special music from the Women's Choir, Children's Message; Fellowship Hour: Mike & Cheryl Fritz

Monday, September 2 ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday, September 3

7 pm Worship & Music Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 4

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

Thursday, September 5

1:30-4 pm Afternoon of Games in King Auditorium
6-8:30 pm Handbell and Choir rehearsals

Sunday, September 8

10 am Worship in the sanctuary with the Chancel Choir, Children's Message, Children's Sunday School; Fellowship Hour: Member Appreciation Day with the Church Growth Team

A LOOK AHEAD

Join the Choirs: All returning and new musicians are welcome to join the choirs! Thursday rehearsals begin Sept. 5: Emmanuel Ringers, 6-7 pm / Chancel Choir, 7-8:30 pm. For questions, contact Music Director Amy Kwon at 410-262-3031 or akskwon@yahoo.com.

Stewardship Committee potlucks: The Stewardship Committee will host potluck suppers for fellowship and education on two Sundays, September 22 and 29. Rev. Ken will have an enlightening and no doubt entertaining presentation! Each one will be different, and folks are encouraged to join both sessions. It will be a great way for all of us to catch up and reconnect after summer. Watch for a signup sheet.

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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.

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Community Concert Series | 2024-2025

The season opens Sunday, November 10 with a 3 pm vocal Recital: ■ **Five Voices II**, featuring a program of Classical, Opera, Gospel, Broadway and more from Soprano Amy KeeSun Kwon, Mezzo Soprano Diana Cantrelle, Baritone Rev. Ken Peterkin, Baritone Colin James, and Baritone YoungSoo An, accompanied by Pianist Sophie Hong. Additional concerts include:

■ **114th Annual Carol Sing**: Mark your calendars for Dec. 22.

■ **John Maurer**, March 2, 2025: A program of standards, jazz and original compositions for trumpet and piano.

■ **Encore Chamber Winds**, April 6, 2025: A traditional woodwind quartet of Flute, Clarinet, Oboe and Bassoon.

■ **Simple Gifts**, May 4, 2025: This folk duo masters an amazing array of 12 instruments, playing everything from traditional American and world music to original tunes.

Find details in the September newsletter. You can support the series using the sponsor form below and we thank those who have already contributed! To enquire about Donor-Named Concert opportunities, contact Amy or the church office.

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