



April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Emmanuel United Church of Christ is to be a welcoming church family that strives to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. This will be achieved by:

- *Worshiping regularly*
- *Serving God and others*
- *Fellowship*
- *Acts of love and kindness*

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have known grief.

People: We have known loss.

Leader: We have known the long road, tired, and winding.

People: We have whispered prayers on bended knees.

Leader: We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.

People: But today—today we know hope.

Leader: Today we know life.

People: Today we know the sound of Alleluias.

Leader: Today we know that death does not have the last word.

People: Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Leader: It is Easter.

People: May hope find us.

Leader: And may we know, deep in our bones, that today is a new day.

People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of Alleluias and empty tombs, God of garden plots and good news, it is Easter. It is finally Easter. In a world full of grief, help us to cling to Easter's hope. In a world full of grief, help us hear this story of good news. In a world full of grief, make us ready to jump out of our chairs and run barefoot to the tomb. In a world full of grief, remind us that Easter sings a different song. With hope we pray, with hope we listen. Be present with us in this time of worship. Amen.

HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-10-Rod Knight

THE WORD IN MUSIC

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:11-18

SERMON

"In Between Grief and Hope"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN

"Lord of the Dance "

MISSION MOMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Christ is Alive" vs 5

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we offer these gifts as our testimony to your glory and as our commitment as your disciples. Bless our gifts to your work in the world and to your reign here on earth. Through your blessing of our gifts, may death be destroyed and hope fill all of creation. Amen.

HYMN

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

BENEDICTION

Leader: And now let us go forth in joy!

People: Let our voices ring with victory;

Leader: for Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Amen!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Day of Resurrection" vs 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 20, 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Livestream is at www.facebook.com/euccvalleycity/live

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Attendance: 46 Facebook: 5

Offering: \$1,463.00

CHURCH BANK – If you wish to express a joy or concern for Church Bank, we ask you write them down on the papers provided in the pews and place it in the offering plate by the door. The following week each joy or concern will be posted on the slides before church.

OFFICE HOURS- Tuesday from 8:30-2:30 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30-2:30 p.m. Tamara is working from home on Wednesdays. If you need to contact her, email at emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net.

ALTAR FLOWERS this week are given by JoAnn Campbell in memory of her 37th anniversary on April 23rd, and celebrating Kellie Schneider's birthday.

MISSIONS- All Missions donations will go to Meow Fix, a Medina County agency that helps many animal rescues in the area.

MEN'S BREAKFAST-May 1st at 8:30 at The Cracked Egg.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP: The calendar for providing altar flowers to honor someone, in memory of a loved one, or "just because" is on the Narthex information table. There are many opportunities for you to enhance our worship atmosphere with the beauty of flowers. We are getting our flowers from ArKay Florist. The cost is \$24 per vase.

PASTOR REBEKAH'S INFORMATION: Cell number: 231-327-8107. Email: rarw1981@gmail.com. Her office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m.-noon.

KEEP OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER: Jennifer Luf, Bob Schneider, Pastor John Baker, Jane Schneider, John Luf, Wanda Currier (Pat Barnum's mother), Bill Yoder, Tony Lagorga (Pam's son.), DeJosh Garver, Debi Sheffler, Diane Scheutzow, Vicki Seeley, Shiny (Sujaya's niece), Amber Willoughby, Gene Reusch, Kellie Schneider, Penny Malone, Kelli Boyd, Russell Sheffler, John Weber Jr, Cheryl Goodson, Pam Lagorga.

Easter Flower Dedication

Doris Nolan- George Nolan and Dave Nolan

Jack Salzman- To Kay Salzman

Sara Wise & Brian Anielski-In honor of D'Artagnan, in memory of Dick Wise, Phoenix

Don Boone-In memory of Carole Boone and Jonathon Otterbacher. To the glory of God

Sara Paine-In memory of our parents

Karen Hammon-Grace and George Hammon, Arlene and Norman Blymyer

Della Dangelo-In memory of loved ones

Alice Cottrell-In memory of loved ones

Mary Robertson-In celebration of our family around the world

Donna Kusak-In honor of our parents

Chris Neal-In memory of John Neal

Sally Hunter-In honor of those who go before us

Mary Hawk-In memory of Bill Hunter, Frank & Ann Hawk, sisters, Beth Ann & Mary Claire. In honor of Sally Hunter