

REMINDER!

Wednesday, April 26th

- *EUC Council Meeting @ 7pm*

Thursday, April 27th

- *Finance Meeting @ 7pm*

Sunday, April 30th

- *Downtown Mission Sunday*
- *Queen of the Kitchen*

Friday, May 5th

- *Family Games Night*

Friday, May 12th

- *Mother/Daughter Banquet*

*Tickets are now available.
Please see Linda Parks,
Ida Totten or call the office.
Advance ticket sales only.*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Emmanuel United Church will be having a picture day on **August 8 & 9** and **September 26 & 27** for our new pictorial directory. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate this event. Please see Cathy Shanahan if interested.



Thank you to all the readers and those who took part in the Lenten and Easter services. The Sunday School did a wonderful job with the flowers and Lenten center pieces.
Your Worship Committee



Completing the New Testament:
Week of April 23, 2017
Ephesians 1-3



OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday – Thursday
1:30pm – 4:00pm

Friday 1:30pm - 6:00pm

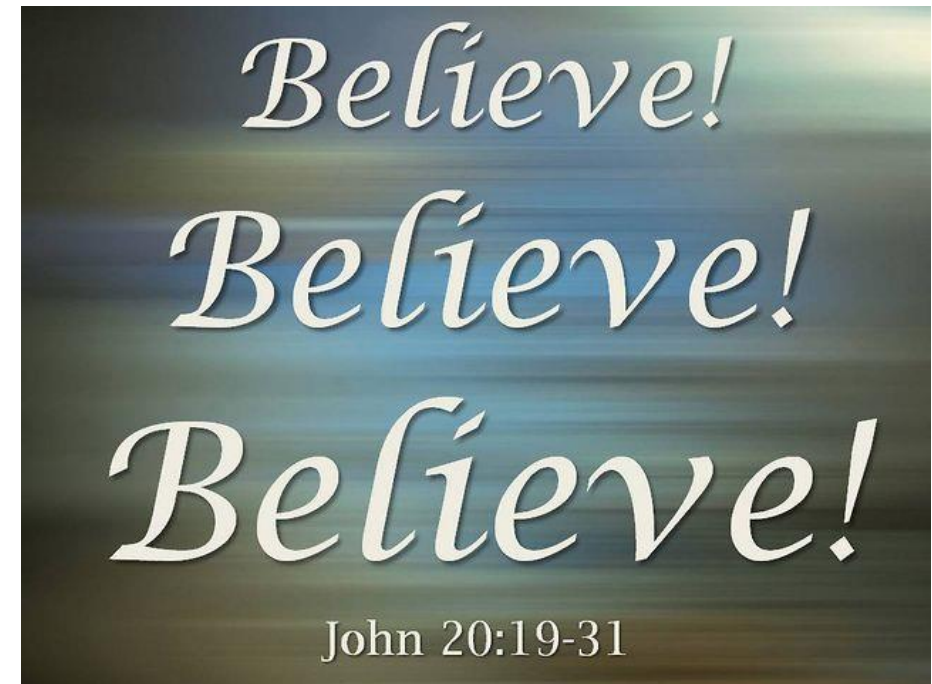
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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**April 23, 2017
10:30 am**



WORSHIP LEADER
David Chandler

MUSIC DIRECTOR
Nicholas Morvay

MINISTER EMERITUS
Rev. Dr. John Palmer

We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We strive to show our love through service to all humanity.

**ORDER OF SERVICE
EASTER 2
April 23, 2017**

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In this moment –

ALL: where mystic and modern meet;

L: In this moment –

ALL: of empty tombs and heavenly messengers;

L: In this moment –

ALL: of life, of death, of resurrection;

L: We come.

ALL: We come to wonder, we come to hope, we come to be.

L: But, most of all –

ALL: We come to worship God! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN VU 173

Thine Is the Glory

(Children will come forward)

AN EARTH DAY MOMENT

Reader: We join with the earth and with each other. To bring new life to the land; to restore the waters; to refresh the air.

All: We join with the earth and with each other.

Reader: To renew the forests; to care for the plants; to protect the creatures.

All: We join with the earth and with each other.

Reader: To celebrate the seas; to rejoice in the sunlight; to sing the song of the stars.

All: We join with the earth and with each other.

Reader: To recall our destiny; to renew our spirits; to reinvigorate our bodies.

All: We join with the earth and with each other.

Reader: To create the human community; to promote justice and peace; to remember our children.

All: Creator God, we thank you for all of creation. We ask Your forgiveness where we have failed to be just stewards. And we now ask for Your guidance in restoring the face of the earth. May we learn to live in harmony, safety and just sharing of resources among all so that we achieve the kingdom of God. Amen.

EARTH DAY HYMN VU 226

For the Beauty of the Earth

(Children will leave for Sunday school)

A TIME TOGETHER

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WRITTEN WORD (sung together 2x)

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path)

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 14a, 22 – 32

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 19 – 31

OFFERTORY VU 382

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

OFFERTORY DEDICATION

All: God of resurrection, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb of our world has been opened wide. With each new day comes

a new creation. May our gifts help empty the tombs of society, renew the lives of those around us and release the power of your love to the whole world, through the risen Christ we pray. Amen

ANTHEM: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” by Robert W. Thygerson

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

(sung together 3 x)

Be still and know that I am God.

SERMON: The Big Three

PRAYER OF RESPONSE: (TOGETHER)

I arise today

Through a mighty strength:

God's power to guide me,

God's might to uphold me,

God's eyes to watch over me;

God's ear to hear me,

God's word to give me speech,

God's hand to guard me,

God's way to lie before me,

God's shield to shelter me,

God's host to secure me.

I arise today through the glory of God!

HYMN VU 333

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU 400

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

L: God of creation, God of Love, God of all that has ever been and will ever be, sit close beside each of us here today, take our hands, and let your spirit warm and comfort us as we come to you in prayer.

P: Broaden our vision. O God and we will use forms of prayer and praise we never considered before.

L: Broaden our vision, O God,

P: And we will see the person of Jesus Christ in friend and stranger.

L: Broaden our vision, O God,

P: And we will find avenues for Christian service that are fresh and exciting.

L: Broaden our vision, O God,

P: And we will have the courage to speak and act for a good world, a world renewed by your love.

L: Hear us Lord, as we bring before you the people whom we love and care for. My prayer is.....

L: As we have brought our prayers that have been in our hearts and minds this week,

P: Bring the fullness of life to those we love and feel concern for. Open to us the living Word alive in the world, just as the disciples learned to welcome the Risen Christ into their lives. Amen

CLOSING HYMN VU 575

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION (TOGETHER)

We are an Easter people. In this community we are friends in the Spirit!

In this community we are people on the Way!

In this community we search with one

another! In this community we listen, we love, we pray! And, in all of these things....,

We worship God!

CHORAL BLESSING (sung together)

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day. May God's countenance shine

upon you, and be gracious to you. May God's Spirit be upon you, as you leave this place.