

**CLOSING HYMN:**

VU 665 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour"

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

L: And now into God's world we go to continue our walk with Christ in all the places life calls us to be.

**ALL: We cannot keep the good news of Easter to ourselves. When we are challenged, we will speak of hope; when we are tested, we will stand by our faith; when we feel alone, we will remember that God is with us; when we are hurt, we will seek healing through Christ Jesus. Amen**

**CHORAL BLESSING:** *Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.* celi#262153

**Postlude 1:** Siyahamba - I'm Gonna Sing, Arr. Tammy Waldrop  
**Postlude 2:** Bound for Glory, Arr. Tammy Waldrop

Resources adapted from Gathering, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2016-2017,



**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.



**Completing the New Testament:  
Week of April 30, 2017  
Ephesians 4-6**



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

**Friday 1:30pm - 6:00pm**

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# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

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



**MINISTER  
Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes**

**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.**

**Third Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2017**

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**PRELUDE:** Carillon for a Joyous Day,  
Douglas E. Wagner (Silver Bells)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come from many places and many backgrounds.

**All: We come with a hunger for greater understanding and a deeper meaning to life.**

One: We come to hear the words of Scripture for our lives.

**All: We come seeking companions in the faith to make journey less lonely.**

One: We come to discover the Resurrected Lord.

**All: We come to grow as disciples of Christ, living His teaching in the world.**

One: Come, let us worship God, made known in Christ Jesus.

**OPENING HYMN:** VU 165 - Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain

**OPENING PRAYER**

L: God of heaven and earth, we rejoice in the things made known by Easter's light.

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we see beyond all doubt that you have a design for your creation and that nothing exists beyond your saving power.

**P: You work within our brokenness, limitations and our endings to redeem and**

**to bring new life. You overcome all things, even death, so that your creation will be transformed and know light, hope and new beginnings. Gracious God, it is by Easter's light that we worship. In it we dare to believe, to trust, to risk and to pray. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence this day and every day. AMEN**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** VU412 - This is the Day (v1,2)  
*(Children will come forward)*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**  
VU412 - This is the Day (v3)

*(Children will leave for Sunday School)*

**INVITATION TO GIVE**

L: The gifts we offer, bring comfort to those who grieve; hope to those who live on the streets of despair; peace to all the broken places; and grace to all who long to draw closer to you. Knowing the depth of need and the work we have to do in service to the world, let us give wholeheartedly, in Jesus' name.

**THE OFFERTORY (Instrumental)**

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho, Arr. Susan E. Geschke (Silver Bells)

**OFFERTORY DEDICATION**

**ALL: Loving and generous God who blesses us with life, purpose, and opportunities to give back, we offer you our gifts not seeking greater gain, but desiring to enrich life around and beyond us. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** VU374

Come and Find the Quiet centre (v 1,3)

L: Loving God, who greets us with words of welcome and wisdom, we thank you for your presence in our lives. Through you we are blessed by glimpses of resurrection and the promise of new life. We bring you our prayers for the world.

**P: We pray for countries and communities where it is not safe to live one's faith in the open. May all people of faith be granted the freedom to praise without fear. (Silence)**

L: We pray for people in the world who are victims of discrimination and acts of hatred. May your desire for justice be made known and lived out. (Silence)

**P: We pray for people who are struggling with illness or sadness. May all lives be touched by the power of resurrection and new hope. (Silence)**

L: We pray for our congregation and all people who make up your Church. May we discover new ways to be your Easter people in the world. (Silence)

**P: We pray for our families, our friends and ourselves. May we know the power of your compassion and promise. (Silence)**

L: We name, the people and situations among us, offering thanks and seeking your intervention now. My prayer is..

L: These things we pray in the name of Jesus, and thankfully await your will to done on earth as it is in heaven.

**ALL: AMEN**

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

VU662 Lead Me, God

**SCRIPTURES:**

OT: Isaiah 53:3-5

Epistle: Acts 2:14, 36-42

Gospel: John 5:1-9

Last reader: These are words from the scriptures we love

**CONG: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** "This Is My Father's World",  
Arr. Robert Lau

*(The congregation will be invited to sing for the 1st and 3rd verses)*

1. This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--  
His hand the wonders wrought.

3. This is my Father's world:  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

**THE MESSAGE:** "The Road to Healing 1:  
Acknowledging Hurt"

*Moment of Quiet Reflection*