

*Emanuel United Church of Christ*



Welcoming. Witnessing.

Worshiping... through Christ.

Second Sunday of Lent | March 16, 2025

*A warm welcome to all today!*

May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Children are welcome in this worship service, and encouraged to participate in any way they are able to. Teach the children sitting around you how to use their bulletins, and sing & speak loudly!

We value the noise made by our children! We have a nursery available in our education building with a video feed of our service.

**Visitors**, we are glad you are here! Please sign our Guest Register and feel free to fill out a “welcome slip” in the pews.

*Please come again!!*



Visitor Info



Ways to Give

## **THIS WEEK**

**Weekly Use of Church:**

*Monday– TOPS*

*Tuesday– Guitar Lessons*

### **Tues., March 18**

7:00 pm-Confirmation

### **Wed., March 19**

*Meditations from Emanuel* on Facebook and YouTube

5:30 pm-Lenten Meal

6:30 pm-Worship

Choir practice after worship

### **Sun., March 23**

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Worship

CBE meeting after worship

### **We Keep in Prayer**

Mary Lou Abernathy, Pat Abernathy, LaDonia Beggs, June Borgfield, Betty Hoffmeister, Alice Koeppel, Robert Loos, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley

# ***ORDER FOR WORSHIP***

**\*Indicates congregation please stand if able**  
Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **RINGING OF THE BELL ~ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

**\*TRINITY CHIMES** *(at the sound of the chimes, please stand)*

**\*INTROIT** “*In Christ Alone*” *words on p. 6*

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross,  
**We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God, and love for humanity.**

In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ’s example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,  
**To embrace trust in God and love for humanity so we may make our journey, and let us worship God.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** “*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*” #1

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray,

**God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## **TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. Amen.

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all  
And also with you.

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**—*"Friends of Outdoor Ministries"*

**MESSAGE IN MUSIC** *"Make My Life an Alleluia"*

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:17—4:1

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Luke 13:31-35

The word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

*“Check Your Ego at the Door”*

**\*SERMON HYMN** *“Beautiful Jesus”*

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER ~ PASTORAL PRAYER ~ LORD’S PRAYER**

**THANKSGIVING**

*God’s gifts move us to respond with grateful words and actions.*

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*SENDING HYMN** *“Great Is Your Faithfulness”*

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**\*BLESSING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** *“All We Need”*

*words on p. 6*

**\*POSTLUDE**

## INTROIT—IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand-

My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

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## ALL WE NEED

The work is done, His gift complete, For Jesus Christ is all we need.  
He lives the life we long to lead, and He is ours and all we need.  
His holy heart now beats within. We live and move and love in Him.  
His life is everlasting seed, and faith in Christ is all we need.  
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March 19 Service:  
*Meal will be Sloppy Joes, chips, veggies & dip, dessert. Meal sponsored by Bethany Circle*

June	6/22 - 6/27/25 All Ages Camp #1 (grades 3-9) 6/22 - 6/27/25 High School Camp (grades 9-12) 6/29 - 7/3/25 Family Camp (all ages)
July	7/6 - 7/11/25 All Ages Camp #2 (grades 3-9) 7/13 - 7/18/25 All Ages Camp #3 (grades 3-9) 7/20 - 7/22/25 S.T.E.A.M. - Summer Camp (grades 3-9) 7/20 - 7/21/25 'And Me' - Summer Camp (All ages, Adult Guardian 21+)
August	8/3 - 8/8/25 Adventures in Community (ages 18+)

**FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER**

### Embark on an Elemental Quest this summer at Camp MoVal!

Campers will grow in their faith while exploring the elements of God’s creation. Each day, campers will enjoy traditional camp activities while engaging in ways we are united by the elements of Air, Fire, Earth, and Water. Join us as we take deep breaths, ask burning questions, and dig and dive deeper into our relationships with all of God’s creation.



Reader: <i>Lanie Brown</i>	Greeters: <i>Mark Stateler</i>
Acolytes: <i>Lincoln R.</i>	<i>Catheryn Hartle</i>
<i>Lanie B.</i>	Altar Flowers: <i>Catheryn Hartle</i>

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