

Emanuel United Church of Christ



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Pastor Joshua W. Rau

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!!

† **SERVING IN WORSHIP** †

Organist: *Christy Shinn*

Choir Director: *Kelly Cranford*

Reader: *Debra Hoffmann*



Greeting You Today

Mark & Melanie Lutes



Given by

Pat Holley

Last Week's Numbers	
Attendance-51	Offering-\$3,970

We Keep in Prayer

Please keep in your prayers those who are in need of healing and our shut-ins and home-bound members. May God's grace surround them with comfort and care.

Mary Lou Abernathy, LaDonia Beggs, June Borgfield, Larry Brockmire, Jeffrey Kies, Joy Kessler, Alice Koeppel, Robert Loos, Junior Peetz, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley, Cindy Smith, Earlene Sokolowski

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

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

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** “*God of Generations*”

God of Generations
God of generations, we are all your children;
To your church we bring our gifts, our worship and our song.
Young and old we follow, hand in hand together:
In your great love together we are strong.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of His praise to be heard.
For He has kept our soul among the living and does not allow our feet to be moved.

Jesus says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments and I will pray the Father and He will give you another Helper."

The Spirit of truth abides with us and will be in us. Come, let us worship God in reverent fear and sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts.

***GATHERING HYMN** “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” #28

LITANY FOR THE GRADUATES

Today we honor you who are graduating, for you are on a sacred journey.
Your journey is not only the learning of your mind but the growing of your heart.

We celebrate the effort you have given to accomplish this.
And we ask God’s blessing for the journey yet to come.

May God always give you gifts of curiosity and discipline.
May God give you courage to explore new things.

May the Spirit work in you that in all you do you may serve God.

May the Spirit give you grace to do justice, to love kindly, and to walk humbly with God.

May you know always that Christ goes with you.

We who have made many journeys give you our blessing.

By the grace of God, we surround you with our prayers.

Our spirits will go with you. For we too are pilgrims, always learning, always by the grace of God beginning anew. Go in peace, and serve God with joy. Amen.

***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who has prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire. By Your Spirit, make us ready to give a defense to everyone who asks us a reason for the hope that is in us, with meekness and fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Beloved in Christ, if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; yet if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us draw near with humble hearts and confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have doubted the power of Christ's resurrection, and we have lived as though the tomb were not empty. Forgive us, we pray. By your mercy, raise us from the death of sin, renew us by your Holy Spirit and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ lives and reigns for us and in Him we are a new creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you: your sins are forgiven; walk in the newness of life to the glory of God the Father. Amen

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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, amen.

A LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

Thank God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

Thank God for my mother!

For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

Thank God for the mothers of the past.

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

Thank God for the mothers of today.

For all the women who are expecting ,but aren't quite mothers yet!

Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S TIME-Special music by Children and presentation to Mothers

FIRST READING

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Psalm 66:8)

⁸ Oh, bless our God, you peoples!
And make the voice of His praise to be heard,
⁹ Who keeps our soul among the living,
And does not allow our feet to be moved.
¹⁰ For You, O God, have tested us;
You have refined us as silver is refined.
¹¹ You brought us into the net;
You laid affliction on our backs.
¹² You have caused men to ride over our heads;
We went through fire and through water;
But You brought us out to rich fulfillment.
¹³ I will go into Your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay You my vows,
¹⁴ Which my lips have uttered
And my mouth has spoken when I was in trouble.
¹⁵ I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat animals,
With the sweet aroma of rams;
I will offer bulls with goats. Selah
¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
And I will declare what He has done for my soul.
¹⁷ I cried to Him with my mouth,
And He was extolled with my tongue.
¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear.
¹⁹ But certainly God has heard me;
He has attended to the voice of my prayer.
²⁰ Blessed be God,
Who has not turned away my prayer,
Nor His mercy from me!

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamiation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³ And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." ¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and al-

ways be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹ There is also an anti-type which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Living Between Resurrection and Glory ”

SERMON HYMN

“Faith of our Mothers ”

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1 Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

2 Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race;
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

3 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without.
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds;
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

***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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERING

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENDING

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

*SENDING HYMN “God, Bless Our Homes”

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*BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION “Blessed Be the Tie”

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*POSTLUDE



Congratulations on Your GRADUATION



*"May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed."*

Psalm 20:4

Clara Beggs—Clara is graduating from Jackson High School. She will be attending Southeast Missouri State University and major in Elementary Education.

Keira Crawford—Keira is graduating from Jackson High School. She will be attending University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou) in the fall. Her major will be Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences.

Lydia Shinn—Lydia is graduating from Southeast Missouri State University with a degree in Elementary Education. She will be teaching 4th grade ELA and Social Studies at Meadow Heights R-II.



THE CONGREGATION OF
EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

JOYFULLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN IN WORSHIP AND
CELEBRATION AT THE

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION TO
THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND
SACRAMENT**

FOR

Joshua W. Rau

BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE
EASTERN ASSOCIATION, MISSOURI MID-SOUTH
CONFERENCE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.

MAY

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2026

THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

304 E. ADAMS ST. JACKSON, MO 63755

CLERGY & PASTORS ARE INVITED TO VEST WITH RED STOLES

RSVP by May 19, 2026
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Reception to follow

THIS WEEK

Today

8:00 am-Church Council Meeting

Wed., May 13

Meditations from Emanuel on Facebook and YouTube

Sat., May 16

5:30 pm–Ignite Worship

Sun., May 17

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Traditional Worship

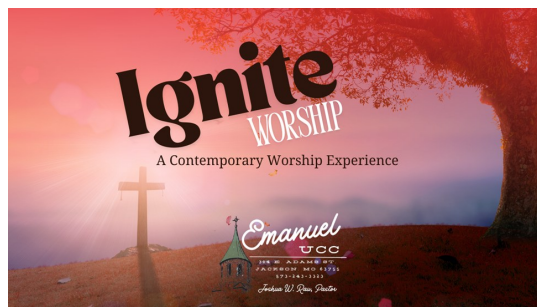
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Pastor Josh will be on vacation **May 14-20**. Debra will be in the church office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during that time.



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Ways to Give