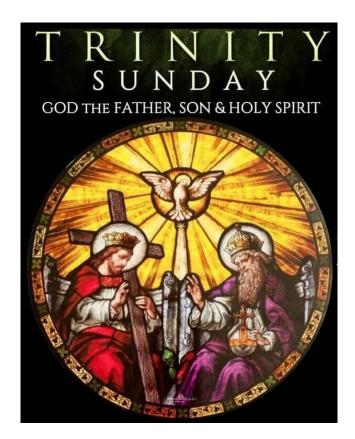
Emanuel United Church of Christ



June 15, 2025

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.

Flease come again!!



Visitor Info



Ways to Give

† Serving In Worship **†**

Organist: *Christy Shinn* Reader: *Dorothy Rowley*



Greeting You Today Mark Statler



Given By: Ann Fields

For the fathers in our family, those who are with us and those who have passed.

<u>We Keep in Prayer</u>

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

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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 "Surely the Presence"

words on p. 7

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We gather in the name of the One who is Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

The mystery of God is beyond our understanding, yet God draws near to us in love.

We are embraced by the grace of Christ, filled with the Spirit, and held in the heart of God.

Let us lift our hearts in praise to the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" #277

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Holy God, you reveal yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God in three persons, inviting us into the mystery of your divine love. Open our hearts and minds to your presence on this day. Draw us into deeper relationship with you and with one another, so that we may reflect your love in all we say and do. 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

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Holy and Triune God, We confess that we have not lived as your faithful people. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, and we have failed to reflect your unity and peace in the world. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in mercy, has given the Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

A LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY

Gracious God, today we give thanks for fathers. For all who have shown us Your love, For all who have taught us by word and deed, for all who have nurtured and guided us.

We give You thanks, O Lord.

For fathers who have loved us, who have laughed with us, and cried with us, who have stood by us through trials and triumphs, who have shown us what it means to live faithfully.

We give You thanks, O Lord.

For those who are new fathers, learning to care for the gift of a child. For those who are seasoned fathers, walking with children of all ages. For grandfathers, uncles, mentors, and all men who have stepped into the role of fatherhood.

We lift them up to You, O Lord.

We pray for those who feel the weight of fatherhood. For those facing financial burdens or health challenges. For those who are separated from their children. For those who grieve the loss of a child or the longing for a child.

Lord, surround them with Your peace and strength.

We remember those who have lost their fathers. Those for whom this day brings sorrow instead of celebration. Those who never knew their fathers or who carry wounds from the past.

Heal the broken places, O Lord, with Your boundless love.

For the fathers in our church, in our community, and in our lives. May they be strengthened by Your Spirit, guided by Your wisdom, and filled with Your grace.

Bless them, O Lord, and may they be a blessing to others.

Heavenly Father, in You we see the perfect model of love, patience, and mercy. Help all who father to walk in Your ways, to be reflections of Your care and compassion in the lives they touch.

We honor You, our Father in Heaven, and give thanks for the fathers among us. Amen.

Word

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

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

First Reading		Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
SECOND READING		Romans 5:1-5
*Gospel Reading		John 16:12-15
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	"Guided by the Trinity"	
*Sermon Hymn <i>"This is My Father's World</i> "		words on p. 7

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed #883

SILENT PRAYER ~ PASTORAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

***Offertory Prayer**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT (served in the pews)

We celebrate an open communion table, meaning that all who believe in Jesus Christ are invited to receive the real presence of Christ and share in the community of God's people, regardless of denomination. We offer both wine and grape juice, grape juice is in the center of the tray. Please hold the piece of bread or cup until all have been served.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

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

*Sending Hymn "I've Got Peace Like a River"

*Blessing

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION "God Will Take Care of You" #460

*Postlude

#478

INTROIT—SURELY THE PRESENCE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning 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.

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: He shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world, The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and Heav'n be one.

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THIS WEEK

<u>Wed., June 18</u>

Meditations from Emanuel on Facebook and YouTube

<u>Sun., June 22</u>

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Worship —CBE Meeting after church



