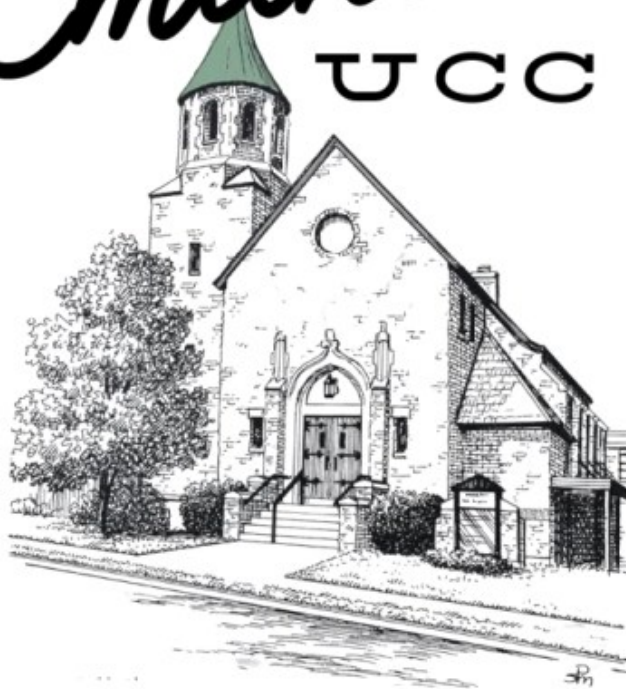


Emanuel UCC



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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.

Please come again!!



Visitor Info



Ways to Give

† **SERVING IN WORSHIP** †

Organist: *Christy Shinn*

Reader: *Alyssa Rau*



Greeting You Today

Larry & Shirley Bock



Given By:

Heather & Layton Beggs

In honor of our wedding anniversary on August 16.

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, Dorothy Rowley

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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** *“Come With Rejoicing”*

Come with rejoicing, the Father is calling,
those who would worship in spirit and truth.
Come with your singing, come with Thanksgiving,
Jesus our Savior has made all things new.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

With great rejoicing we come to the house of the Lord today!

God is our refuge and our stronghold.

The power and love of God flow through this gathering.

We place our whole trust in God’s mighty compassion for us.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Let us celebrate the presence of God here in this place and in all our lives. AMEN.

***GATHERING HYMN** *“Immortal, Invisible”*

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray,

Lord God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation, pour your love on us this day that we might be healed and be made ready to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

***TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of death into life, out of silence into song, out of despair into hope. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, we confess that we have turned away from You. We have failed to trust Your promises, and we have chosen our own way instead of Yours. We have been impatient, unkind, and slow to forgive. Renew us by Your Spirit. Plant us again by the living water of Your mercy, and grow in us the fruit of righteousness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Hear the good news: God is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are made new. Live now in the freedom and peace God gives. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORIA PATRI**

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

MESSAGE IN MUSIC “Goodness of God”

Jordan Brown, Olivia Brown

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The call of the prophet Jeremiah does not depend on Jeremiah's abilities or age. God will give him the words to speak. Even before Jeremiah was born, God appointed him a prophet to the nations, to minister in the difficult years before the Babylonian exile.

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷
But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.”

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”) ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water?" ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Grace Unbound"

***SERMON HYMN** *"Wonderful Words of Life"* #319

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** New Creed #887

SILENT PRAYER ~ PASTORAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** #780

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SENDING

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

***SENDING HYMN** *"This Little Light of Mine"* verses 1-3 #524

***BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** *“Give Thanks”*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he’s given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

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And now let the weak say ‘I am strong’,
let the poor say ‘I am rich’,
because of what the Lord has done for us;
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let the poor say ‘I am rich’,
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks

***POSTLUDE**

Choir Practice & Fellowship – Join Us!



We’re excited to kick off a new season of choir at EUCC! Our first gathering will be a special practice and time of fellowship at The Shinn’s house on Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00 PM. We’d love for all current choir members and anyone interested in joining choir to join us as we reconnect and prepare for the upcoming season. Please bring a snack or dish to share.

Following that, choir practices will be held at church on:

- Wednesday, September 3rd
- Wednesday, September 17th

Mark your calendars! Our first Sunday to sing in worship will be on Sunday, September 7th. We look forward to seeing (and hearing!) everyone soon!

THIS WEEK

Today

8:00 am-Council Meeting

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Sunday Worship
Blessing of the Backpacks

Mon., August 25

News articles due in church office

Wed., August 27

Meditations from Emanuel on
Facebook and YouTube

Sat., August 30

5:30 pm-Ignite Worship Experience
Held in Fellowship Hall

Sun., Aug. 31

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Sunday Worship

ON AIR

Recognizing the need to find innovative ways to reach new and existing members, the council has approved a twice-weekly radio advertisement for the ministries of Emanuel to air on local radio station, **KHIS**.

This decision marks a fresh chapter in outreach and community building, forging a path for the ministries of Emanuel to touch lives far beyond the congregation's walls.

Sponsorship of this monthly advertising is available. For more information contact the church office.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to YouTube and Facebook. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.

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