

Emanuel United Church of Christ



February 25,

March 4, 11, 18, 25

6:30pm

Pastor Joshua W. Rau

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

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

RINGING OF THE BELL & WELCOME

PRELUDE

Christy Shinn, Organist

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this sacred season of reflection and renewal.
We come carrying the weight of our lives and our longing for grace.
Christ invites us to come honestly, just as we are.
We come to lay our burdens at the feet of Jesus.
Let us begin this journey together in faith and hope.
Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

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| February 25 | “Sweet Hour of Prayer” | #505 |
| March 4 | “O God, How We Have Wandered” | #202 |
| March 11 | “Just As I Am” | #207 |
| March 18 | “I Would Be True” | #492 |
| March 25 | “Softly and Tenderly” | #449 |

*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.

Gracious and loving God, In this season of reflection, draw us closer to your heart. Open our eyes to see what we carry, our hands to release what separates us, and our spirits to receive your healing grace. Shape us through this journey of repentance, renewal, and hope, so that our lives may more fully reflect your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND SERMON THEMES

February 25 —The Weight We Carry

- Psalm 55:16–18, 22
- Matthew 11:28–30

March 4—Stones of Sin and Separation

- Isaiah 1:16–18
- Psalm 51:1–12

March 11—Stones of Wounding and Healing

- Psalm 147:1–5
- Luke 10:33–35

March 18—Stones of Control and Surrender

- Proverbs 3:5–6
- Matthew 26:36–39

March 25—Waiting at the Stone

- Psalm 130
- Matthew 27:57–66

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christy Shinn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of mercy, hear the prayers of your people.

(silence for reflection)

For your church, that we may be faithful witnesses of grace and compassion in the world. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world, for peace where there is conflict, justice where there is oppression, and hope where there is despair. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all who are burdened by illness, grief, loneliness, fear, or uncertainty, especially those we name in our hearts now. (Silence) Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For those who serve and protect others — first responders, healthcare workers, educators, caregivers, and military personnel. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For our congregation, that this Lenten journey may deepen our faith, strengthen our trust, and renew our love. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and grace.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one we pray as Jesus taught.

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.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

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**

Generous God, Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Bless them for the work of your kingdom, that love may grow, hope may rise, and grace may reach all in need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***BLESSING**

May the peace of Christ guard your hearts and minds.
May the love of God strengthen your faith.
May the Spirit guide your steps as you continue this journey.
Go in peace. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

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| February 25 | “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” | #506 |
| March 4 | “Rock of Ages” | #596 |
| March 11 | “Amazing Grace” | #547 |
| March 18 | “Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult” | #172 |
| March 25 | “Jesus—The Very Thought to Me” | #507 |

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Please leave your bulletin in the basket by the door as you exit.

Holy Week at Emanuere



JOIN US FOR
**PALM
SUNDAY**

Start Holy Week With Us

March 29, 2026 | 10:10



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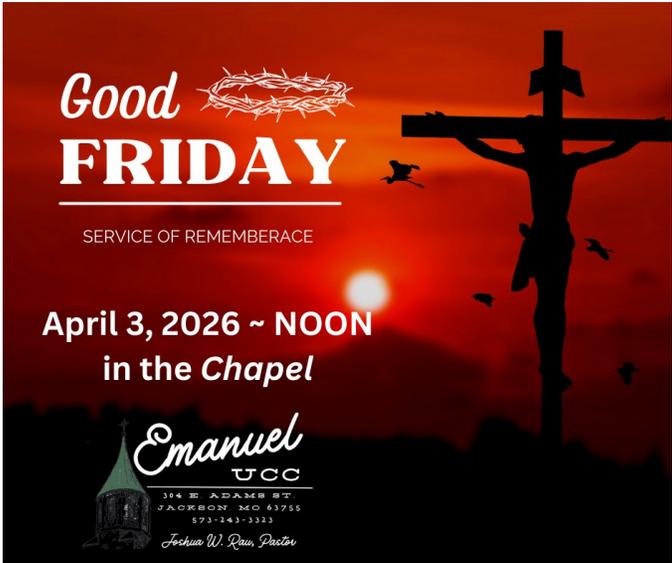


**MAUNDY
THURSDAY
WORSHIP**

**April 2, 2026
7:00 pm**



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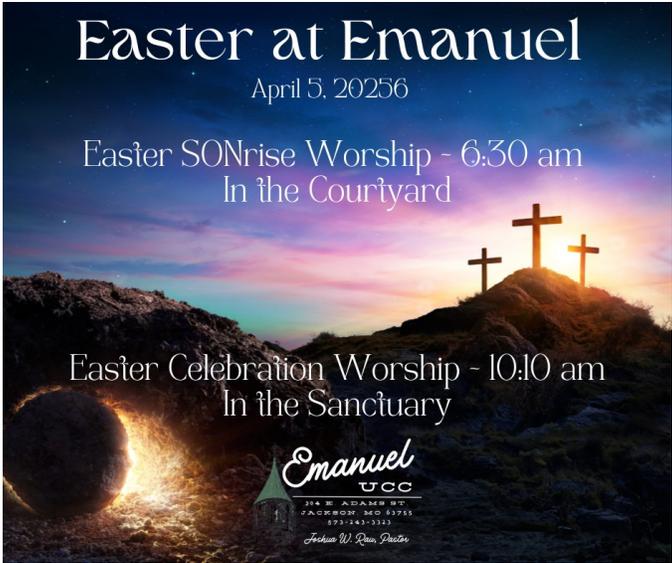
Good 
FRIDAY

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

April 3, 2026 ~ NOON
in the *Chapel*


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The poster features a silhouette of a crucifix against a dramatic red and orange sunset sky. A crown of thorns is positioned above the word 'Good'. The text is arranged in a clean, modern font, with the date and time in bold. The Emanuel UCC logo and contact information are at the bottom left.



Easter at Emanuel
April 5, 20256

Easter SONrise Worship - 6:30 am
In the Courtyard

Easter Celebration Worship - 10:10 am
In the Sanctuary


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The poster depicts a landscape with three crosses on a hill under a sunrise sky. A large, glowing stone is shown rolling away from a tomb entrance in the foreground. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts. The Emanuel UCC logo and contact information are at the bottom center.

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