



Welcoming. Witnessing.
Worshiping... through Christ.

18th Sunday after Pentecost | September 22, 2024

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., September 24

6:00 pm-Bible Study

Wed., September 25

Meditations from Emanuel on Facebook and YouTube

5:30 pm-Sausage Supper Planning Meeting

7:00 pm-Confirmation

Sun., September 29

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Worship

Worship Assistant

Liturgist: *Catheryn Hartle*

Head Usher: *Layton Beggs*

Last Sunday's Numbers

Attendance—65 Offering—\$2,877.41

We Keep in Prayer

Mary Lou Abernathy, Pat Abernathy, June Borgfield, Alice Koeppel, Robert Loos, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley, Emilie Wendel

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**

***INTROIT** “*Seek Ye First*” (words on page 6)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God’s Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God’s bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God’s wisdom generously to all who ask. Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

***GATHERING HYMN** “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*”

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray,

We draw near to you, O God, Source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither. Amen.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silence for reflection

O God, we live our lives as best we can—dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing. Thanks be to God!

***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

CHOIR

“The Peace of God”

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31:10-31

SECOND READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 9:30-37

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

SERMON

“Who Is the Greatest”

***SERMON HYMN** *“Jesu, Jesu”*

#498

***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** *“Blessed Assurance”* #473

***BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** *“Make Me a Servant”* (words on next page)

***POSTLUDE**

SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu Alleluia

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MAKE ME A SERVANT

Make me a servant humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant, make me a servant
Make me a servant today

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Emanuel United Church of Christ - Stewardship Committee

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

September food item is

Peanut Butter

Each month we will be collecting for
the Jackson Ministerial Alliance
Food Pantry


Bethany Circle is asking for your support.



The Church Women United of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Surrounding Area is collecting financial donations to prepare **Missouri Women's Prison Packs.**

Your financial donation will fund the purchase of personal care items for women inmates. We will be accepting donations each Sunday in September. Please make your check payable to EUCC and write MO Prison Packs on the Memo line. You may also make a cash donation if you prefer--Plain envelopes are available in the pew racks. Please put your name on the envelope if you want your donation to be recorded in your annual giving statement.

*Emanuel UCC
Bible Study*



**Tuesday Evenings 6:00 pm
Starting September 10th**

Join us either in person or via zoom
Please email Pastor Josh for the zoom link

*We are a community of faith that welcomes all to join us as we
look at a study called:*

Faith ~ Depending on God

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83115821238?pwd=if8TX9ibzai8a3LEe7GQqbmMSTl07r.1>

Meeting ID: 831 1582 1238 Passcode: 580276

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