

Welcoming. Witnessing.

Worshiping... through Christ.

17th Sunday after Pentecost | September 15, 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 17

6:00 pm—Bible Study

Wed., September 18

Meditations from Emanuel on Facebook and YouTube

6:00 pm—Choir Practice

7:00 pm—Confirmation

Thurs., September 19

6:00 pm—CBE

Sun., September 22

9:00 am—Faith and Fellowship

Worship Assistant

Liturgist: *Kelly Crawford*

Head Usher: *Layton Beggs*

Last Sunday's Numbers

Attendance—81 Offering—\$3,363.41

We Keep in Prayer

Mary Lou Abernathy, Pat Abernathy, Dean Beggs, 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** *“Speak, O Lord” (words on page 6)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God.....

We celebrate God’s abundant and powerful love.

Day by day, and night by night.....

God watches over us, loving and healing us.

Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways. AMEN

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray,

Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. AMEN.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We often misunderstand who Jesus is and what he call us to be. He asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" and while Peter declared You the Messiah, we, like him, sometimes fail to grasp the full meaning of his mission. Let us now come to him in a time of confessions and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection

Reconciling God, we confess that we are tempted to follow the ways of the world, seeking comfort and avoiding sacrifice. We hesitate to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus fully. We seek our own gain, often at the cost of our soul, forgetting that true life is found in losing ourselves for his sake and for the sake of the Gospel. Forgive us, God, for our reluctance to embrace the challenges of discipleship, for the times we have tried to save our lives rather than surrendering them to Your will. For the moments when we have been ashamed of You and Your words, when we have been more concerned with the approval of others than with being faithful to You. Help us to turn away from these failings and turn toward You with renewed hearts.

Brothers and sisters, hear the Good News: Christ calls us to follow Him, not because we are perfect, but because He is merciful and full of grace. When we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to follow Him with renewed courage and commitment. Amen.

***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

"Go Into the House of the Lord"

FIRST READING

Proverbs 1:20-33

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 8:27-38

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Call to Take Up Your Cross”

***SERMON HYMN** *“Be Now My Vision”* #451

***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** *“God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”* #531

***BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** *“As We Go”* (words on next page)

POSTLUDE

Speak, O Lord

Speak, o lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of your Holy word
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, o Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your Glory!

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As We Go

As we go may Your Spirit go before us
As we go may we follow where You lead
May we live what we have learned
Share the message we have heard
And be a light unto the world as we go

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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

Faith and Fellowship

We have changed how we do our Sunday Mornings here at Emanuel.

We know the need to have time of fellowship with each other as well as a time of education for all ages. With this in mind we will be gathering each Sunday morning for what we call Faith and Fellowship.

All are invited to gather for fellowship anytime during the 9 o'clock hour. There will be food and beverages available in fellowship hall, or bring something of your own and have a time of fellowship with each other.

We also have, starting at 9:00 or there about have a chance to strengthen our faith through education. There are 4 classes for all ages:

- **Little Lambs**~ Pre-school-3rd grade
- **Young Disciples**~ A multi-grade Sunday School class that embraces the feel of the one-room schoolhouse.
- **Joy Class**~ Young Adults
- **Faithful Followers**~ Older adults

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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