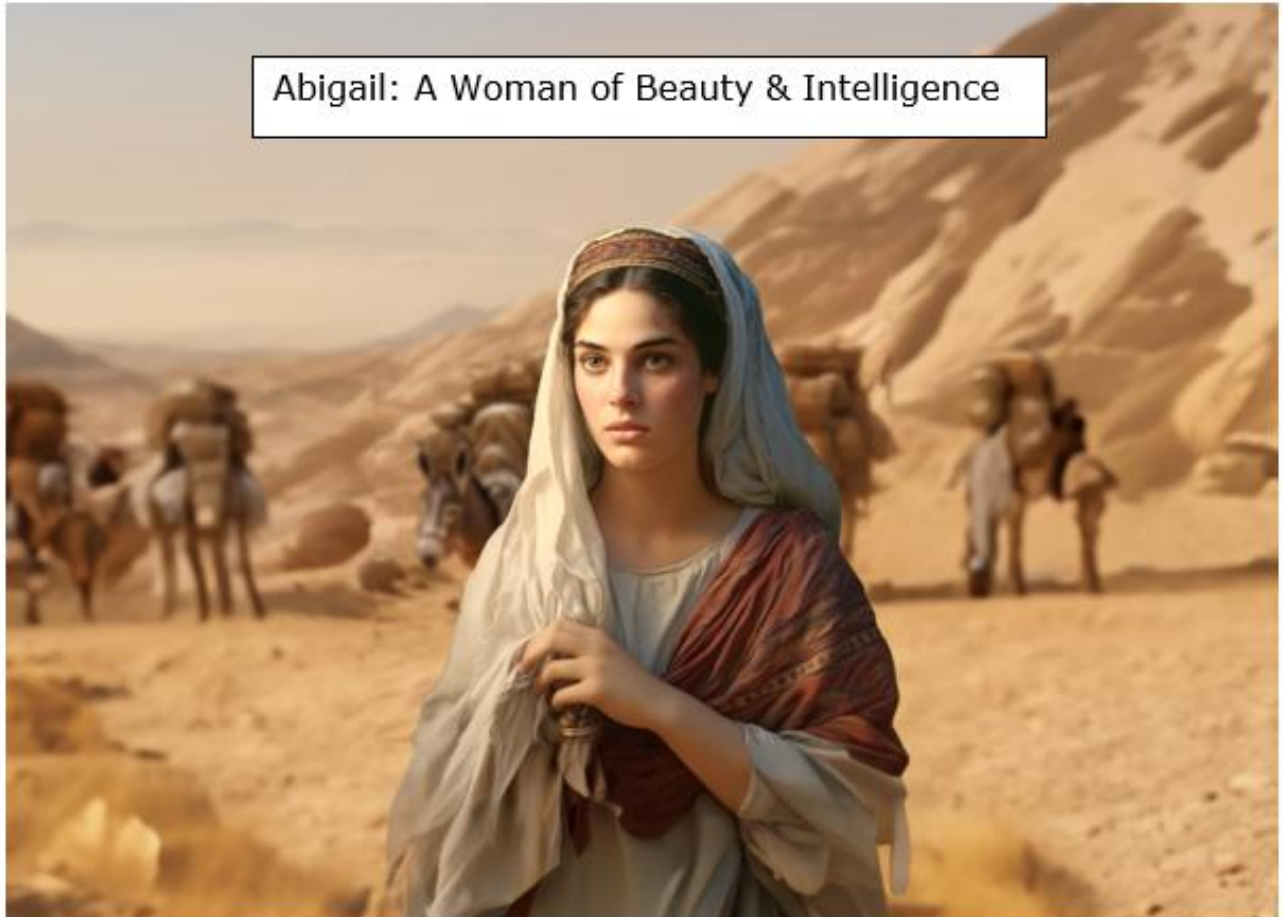


Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church

Imitating Christ Together

Abigail: A Woman of Beauty & Intelligence



June 22, 2025

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM

Liturgist: Leonard Follmann

Ushers: Morey Dambekaln, Deb Prickett, Jim Wanke, Leighton Timm

Acolytes:

Altar Flowers: Jan and Rick Kohlmann celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Please sign the registration pad found at the end of your pew

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING

Announcements, Welcome, and Greetings

Prelude

“O Magnify the Lord”

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Pastoral Greeting

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

*** Call to Worship**

Come, people of God, let us gather to worship the Lord, who calls both men and women to lives of courage and wisdom.

We come, ready to listen and respond, like Abigail, who acted with boldness and grace.

When others chose pride and vengeance, Abigail chose peace.

We come to learn from her example — to speak with care, to act with compassion, and to honor the Lord in all things.

In a world quick to anger and slow to understand, God calls us to be wise peacemakers.

Like Abigail, we seek God’s way — the path of wisdom, humility, and reconciliation.

Let us worship the God who gives strength to speak truth and the grace to bring peace.

With open hearts and willing spirits, we worship the Lord of mercy and justice!

***Hymn 431**

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

*** Opening Prayer:**

God of wisdom and grace, you raised up Abigail to speak peace in the face of danger, to act with courage when others are ruled by pride. Give us hearts that seek Your will, minds that discern Your truth, and voices that bring calm instead of conflict. Make us peacemakers in a world that longs for healing. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Special Music

"Battle Belongs"
Gary Morgan

Wickham/Johnson

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 25:2-3 (NIV)
Proverbs 3:13-18 (NIV)
Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Response

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Hymn 2171

"Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace"

Sermon

"Abigail: A Woman of Beauty & Intelligence"

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music

"The Lord Our God"
Stanfill/Ingram

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***Doxology 94** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Response:

Gracious God, like Abigail, may we offer our gifts with wisdom and courage. Use these offerings to bring peace where there is conflict, justice where there is need, and hope where there is despair. Bless what we give, and bless how we live, that all we do may honor You. Amen.

Hymn (see insert in bulletin) "With Joy We Honor Abigail"
(sung to hymn tune Forest Green, UMH 152)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn 672**

"God Be With You till We Meet Again"

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

"Worship is over, let the service begin."

Postlude

"You're Worthy of My Praise"

arr. Shackley

Food For Thought

Are you facing a situation where you're tempted to act rashly?

Ask God for the wisdom of Abigail.

Are you being called to step into a hard conversation to bring peace?

Walk in courage.

Is there a relationship where God is asking you to be the peacemaker?

Do it with humility and grace.

May the spirit of Abigail—a woman after God's heart—be found in us.

All are Welcome!

This is a Welcoming, Reconciling Congregation. Therefore, we embrace diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person because we are all created by a loving God. We seek to live Christ's call for compassion, justice, healing, and wholeness. We welcome into our faith community persons of every race, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, mental and physical ability, economic and social position, political affiliation, level of education, and family structure.

We believe we can all love alike, even if we don't think alike.

We invite all to share in the life, leadership, lay and ordained ministry, worship and sacraments, the covenant of committed love in holy matrimony, fellowship, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow in faith and love. No matter where you are on your faith journey, we are glad you are here!