

# Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church

*Imitating Christ Together*



## **August 3, 2025**

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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 AM**

**Liturgist:** John Sumwalt

**Ushers:** Chris Kostka, Leighton Timm, Greg Kamps, Jim Wanke

**Acolytes:** Rory and Kiera Mosher

**Altar Flowers:** Tom and Ginny Patterson celebrating their 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**GATHERING**

**Announcements, Welcome, and Greetings**

**Prelude**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Hayes

**Pastoral Greeting**

**Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley**

**\* Call to Worship**

God leads us, even when the path is uncertain.

**The Spirit guides our steps and prepares the way.**

As Lydia listened by the riverside, may we listen with open hearts.

**As God opened her heart, may our hearts be opened too.**

Come, worship the God who calls, who speaks, who saves.

**We come with open hearts and open hands, ready to respond!**

**\*Hymn 454**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

**\* Opening Prayer:**

**God of grace and guidance,**

**You opened Lydia’s heart and changed her life. Open ours today. Remove the distractions that keep us from hearing you. Speak to us in the quiet and in the Word, just as you spoke by the riverside. May our hearts be tender to your Spirit, and may our lives, like Lydia’s, be a place where others encounter Christ. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**Special Music**

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”  
Claire Heinen

Maher/Fowler/Sooter

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Scripture Readings**

**Acts 16:6-15, 40(NIV)**

## **Response**

The Word of God for the People of God

## **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn 2152** (Sung 2x)                      “Change My Heart O God”

**Sermon**                      “Lydia: Open Heart, Open Home”                      Rev Dr. Matt Hadley

## **HOLY COMMUNION / OFFERTORY**

(Please come forward with your offering to receive the elements)

## **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.**

**Communion / Offertory Music**                      “All Are Welcome”  
Gokey/Kelly/Jones

“My Heart Your Home”                      Nockels and Nockels

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**\*Doxology 94**                      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

## **Offertory Response:**

Let us join our voices in prayer,

**We give these gifts with open hands, O God, as Lydia opened her home. Use them to welcome, to heal, and to proclaim your grace to all. Amen.**

**Hymn See insert**                      “We Sing of Loyal Lydia”  
(sung to Hymn tune KINGSFOLD)

## **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn 558**                      “We Are the Church”

## SENDING FORTH

### **Benediction**

The Lord opened Lydia's heart, and she opened her life in response.

**May God open our hearts to truth and our homes to love.**

Go forth in faith, listening for the Spirit's voice.

**We go with courage, grace, and hospitality, like Lydia. Amen!**

The worship is over,

**Let the service begin!**

**"Worship is over, let the service begin."**

### **Postlude**

"Love Lifted Me"

arr. Drennan

### **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!