

Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church

Imitating Christ Together



August 10, 2025

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM

Liturgist: Anna Thompson

Ushers: Sue Page, Guy Vance, Terry Royals, Paul Gequilliana

Acolytes:

Altar Flowers: Leonard & Dorthy Follmann celebrating their 69th 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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Kamps Family

Beethoven

Pastoral Greeting

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

Baptism

Mila June Kamps

Baptism Hymn 611 vs 1 & 4

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

*** Call to Worship**

Come, all who carry wounds that are unseen,

For God hears even the silent cries of the brokenhearted.

Come, all who feel forgotten, overlooked, or shamed,

For God sees each life and honors every story.

Come, all who long for grace and restoration,

For God’s mercy is deep and God’s love never fails.

Let us worship the One who redeems every life...

...and writes beauty from brokenness.

***Hymn 140**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*** Opening Prayer:**

Merciful God, you know our stories, every joy and every sorrow. We bring before You the truths we carry, some whispered in pain, others buried in silence. Like Bathsheba, may we find dignity where others tried to take it away, hope in the aftermath of injustice, and courage to speak and act with wisdom. Help us trust that no story is beyond Your reach and no heart too broken for Your healing. We give You ourselves this day. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Special Music

“Fighting For Me”
Chloe Grimm

Hulse/Sapp/Clemmons

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings

1 Kings 1:28-31 (NIV)
Psalm 51 (NIV)

Response

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God!

Hymn 100

“God Whose Love Is Reigning o’er Us”

Sermon

“Bathsheba: More Than a Victim”

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music

“Glory and My Good”

Sapp/Mulligan/Bentley

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***Doxology 94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offertory Response:

In the house of David, Bathsheba found both pain and purpose.

In our own lives, we bring offerings shaped by both joy and sorrow.

God receives what we give, not because it is perfect—

But because it is offered in faith and love.

Let us give as those who know that grace can grow from every gift.

With open hands and trusting hearts, we offer our lives to God.

***Hymn see insert**

“A Woman Named Bathsheba”
(Hymn Tune St Christopher)

Gillette

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 474**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

Go now with the assurance that God knows your full story—

And still calls you beloved.

Like Bathsheba, may your voice carry wisdom, your heart carry healing, and your life reflect God's redeeming love.

We go with hope, for the Author of Grace is still writing our story. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*The worship is over,
Let the service begin!*

Postlude

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

arr. Beaney

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!