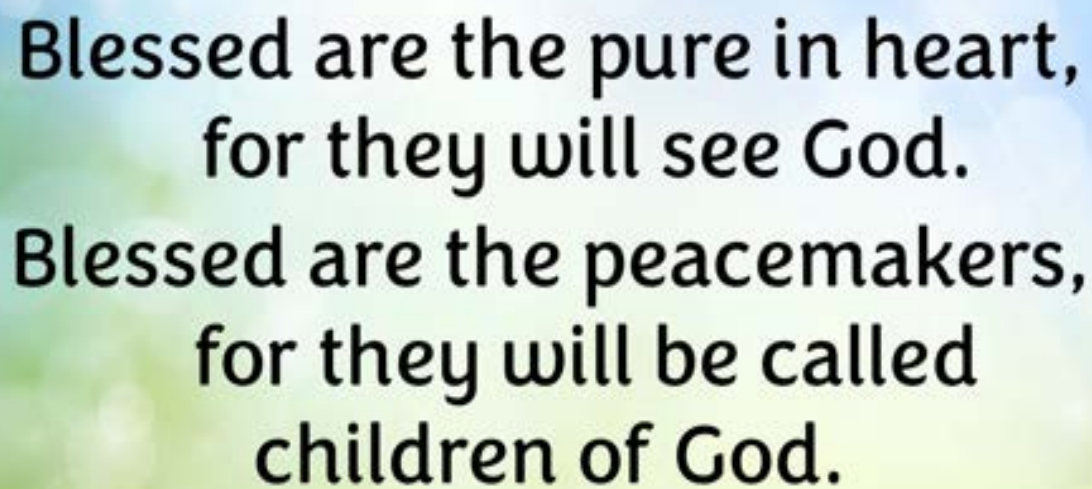


Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church

Imitating Christ Together



Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called
children of God.

Matthew 5:8-9

September 28, 2025

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM

Liturgist: Leonard Follmann

Ushers: Jon O'Connell, Deb Prickett, Jim Wanke, Ray Adler

Altar Flowers: Karen Gravenkamp in loving memory of her husband Jan

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

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING

Announcements, Welcome, and Greetings

Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"

arr. Turner

Pastoral Greeting

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

*** Call to Worship**

We gather in the name of the Prince of Peace.

Christ calls us to turn swords into plowshares.

The world teaches us to fear and mistrust.

God teaches us to love and forgive.

Come, let us worship the One who breaks cycles of hatred.

We will walk in the light of the Lord!

***Hymn 2128**

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

*** Opening Prayer:**

Merciful God, we confess that we have allowed fear and pride to divide us. We have harbored prejudice, nurtured hatred, and justified violence. Forgive us, Lord, and heal our brokenness. Turn our hearts from conflict to compassion, from weapons to welcome, from war to peace. In Jesus Christ, who is our peace, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #70

"Glory Be to the Father"

Special Music

"Wade in the Water"

arr. Hayes

Chancel Choir, Bill Follmann Director

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV)
James 4:1-2a (NIV)
Matthew 5:8-10 (NIV)

Response

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 437

"This is My Song"

Sermon

"The Wars We Wage"

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music

"Peace in Christ"

Day

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*Doxology 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Response:

All that we have comes from God's hand.

We return to you our gifts in gratitude.

The world invests in weapons of destruction.

We invest in acts of mercy, justice, and peace.

May these offerings be used for God's kingdom.

And may we be instruments of God's peace.

*Hymn 431

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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 2172**

"We Are Called"

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

Go now as children of God, forgiven and free.

We will reject hatred and choose love.

Go as disciples of Christ, blessed are the peacemakers.

We will seek justice, pursue peace, and walk humbly with God.

And the peace of Christ will go with us always.

Amen.

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

Postlude

"Simple Gifts"

arr. Brackett arr. Hayes

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!