

Emmanuel Community
United Methodist Church

Imitating Christ Together



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Sanctuary Service

Liturgist: Anna Thompson

Ushers: Nate, Amy, Maggie and Will Schlotthauer

Acolytes : Peirson Sommers and Sylvia Petrie

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

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING

Announcements, Welcome, and Greetings

Prelude "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" arr. Bennett

Pastoral Greeting **Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley**

Mission Moment Community Banquet

*** Call to Worship**

In a world that teaches us to consume,

God calls us to love.

In a culture that measures worth by appearance,

God reminds us that every person is sacred.

We are created in the image of God.

We are called to see that image in one another.

Come, let us worship the One who teaches us to love with dignity and respect.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn 402** "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

*** Opening Prayer:**

Holy and loving God, you created us with hearts capable of deep love and desire. Yet we confess that our desires sometimes lose their way. We forget the dignity of others. We see people as objects instead of sacred lives. Renew our hearts today. Teach us to see one another as you see us— beloved, worthy, and made in your image. Shape our desires so that they reflect your love. We offer this prayer in the spirit of Christ, who calls us to love with compassion and honor. Amen.

***Gloria Patri 71** "Glory Be to the Father"

Special Music "Healing Grace" Sadler/Chisum

Women's Choir, Bill Folmann, Director

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

**Matthew 5:27-30 (NIV)
1 John 2:16-17 (NIV)**

Response

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 92 vv 4,5

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Sermon

“When Desire Loses it’s Way”

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music

“Create in Me A Clean Heart”
McClurkin

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***Doxology #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, everything we have is a gift from you. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to build a world where every person is treated with dignity and love.

Shape our hearts so that what we give reflects the grace we have received in Christ. Amen.

***Hymn 643**

“When Love is Found”

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 384**

“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling

SENDING FORTH

***Benediction**

Go into the world remembering who you are.

We are created in the image of God.

See every person you meet as sacred.

For all people are beloved by God.

Let your desires be guided by love and respect.

For people are not products.

Go in the grace of Christ, to love God and honor one another

Amen.

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

Postlude

“Shine, Jesus, Shine with Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Kendrick, arr. Fettke

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!