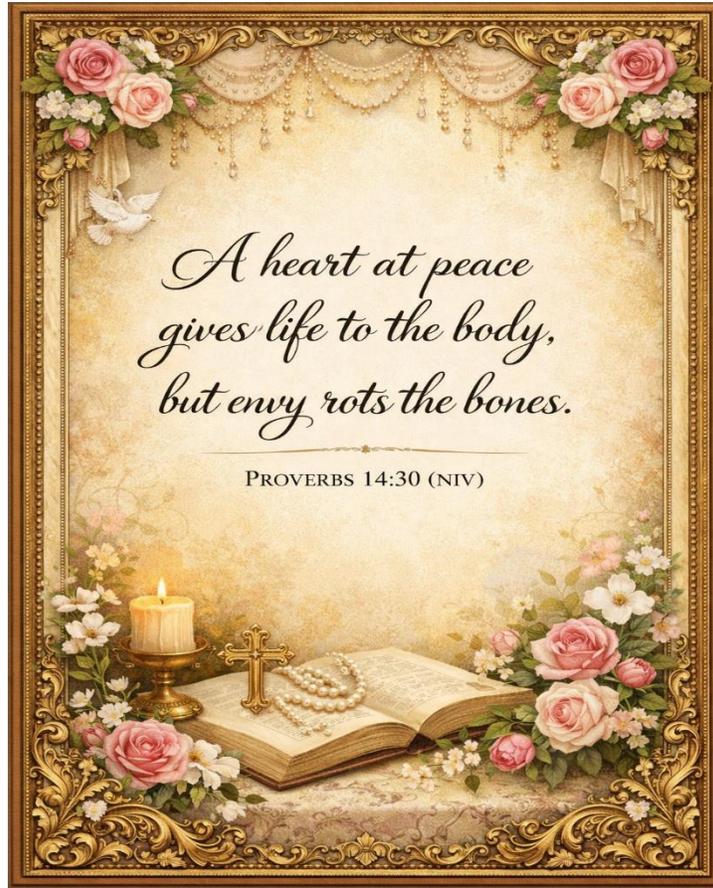


Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church

Imitating Christ Together



March 8, 2026

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Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Sanctuary Service

Liturgist: Dale Kent

Ushers: Rollin Kring, Guy Vance, Frank Vetovec, Jon O'Connell

Acolytes: Kiera and Rory Mosher

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

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING

Announcements, Welcome, and Greetings

Prelude

“In the Garden”

Miles arr. Rouse

Pastoral Greeting

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

*** Call to Worship**

We gather in a world of comparison.

We come to a God of abundance.

When envy whispers, “There is not enough”—

God says, “My grace is sufficient.”

When others rejoice—

We choose to celebrate with them.

Let us worship the generous God.

With grateful hearts, we praise the Lord.

***Hymn 365**

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

*** Opening Prayer:**

Generous God, forgive us when comparison steals our joy. Free us from envy and fear. Teach us to trust your abundant love and to celebrate the blessings of others. Fill us with grateful hearts today. Amen.

***Gloria Patri 71**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Special Music

“The Carpenter’s Son”
Chancel Choir, Bill Follmann, Director

Martin/Courtney

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

**Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)
James 3:14-16 (NIV)
Galatians 5:26 (NIV)**

Response

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

Hymn 560

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Sermon

“When Comparison Steals Our Joy”

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music

“My Worth is Not in What I Own”
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***Doxology #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of abundance, all we have is gift. Receive these offerings and shape us into people who trust your provision and rejoice in the good of others. Amen.

***Hymn 2222**

“The Servant Song”

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 2223**

“They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”

SENDING FORTH

***Benediction**

Go into the world without comparison.

We go trusting God's grace is enough.

Celebrate the gifts of others.

Live with grateful hearts.

And may God's abundant love fill you with joy.

Amen.

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

Postlude

"God of Grace"

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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!