

Emmanuel Community
United Methodist Church

Imitating Christ Together

*Red Letter
Words*

*“Love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you.”*

Matthew 5:44

April 19, 2026

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Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Sanctuary Service

Liturgist: Sabrina Kahler

Ushers: Guy Vance, Greg Kamps, Frank Vetovec

Acolytes :

Altar Flowers: Bob and Carol Jagelski celebrating their 62nd 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

“How Great Is Our God”

arr. Wolaver

Pastoral Greeting

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

*** Call to Worship**

Jesus calls us beyond the easy way of loving only those who love us.

We come to learn the deeper way of love.

God sends sunshine and rain on the just and the unjust alike.

God’s mercy reaches farther than we imagine.

Christ calls us to love even our enemies and pray for those who oppose us.

With humble hearts, we come to worship the God whose love knows no limits.

Come, let us worship the One whose love transforms the world.

We will worship God and seek to walk in the way of Christ.

***Hymn 600**

“Wonderful Words of Life”

*** Opening Prayer:**

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning.

Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Special Music

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
Spirit Ringers, Kathy Kamps, Director

Temple arr. Honore

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)
Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

Response

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 3122 (See Insert) “Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”

Sermon “Red Letter Words: Love Your Enemies” **Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley**

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music “Ancient Words” DeShazo

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, you show kindness to all and pour out your blessings on the just and the unjust alike. Receive these gifts we offer today. Use them to extend your love into a divided world, so that even those who feel like enemies may become neighbors and friends. Shape our hearts to reflect the generous love of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 390 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

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 (See Insert)

“Christ Your Words of Love Confound Us”
Hymn Tune BEACH SPRING

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

“Shout to the North”

Smith arr. Tornquist

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!