



**Immanuel United Methodist Church**

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

**ENTER TO WORSHIP**

*Enter the Sanctuary quietly and reverently, respecting the meditation of others, and opening to the presence of God.*

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ

*(The entrance of the Light into worship represents the Light of Christ among us)*

**WE PRAISE GOD**

Greeting

Ministry Updates

*(Children depart for Kingdom Kids)*

Call to Worship: It Is Well

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

\*Responsive Reading for Mother's Day

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**WE CONVERSE WITH GOD**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**WE GIVE TO GOD**

Anthem: Special Music by Amy Hansen

Offertory *(Offering plates will be passed during the Anthem)*

\*Doxology: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-37

Sermon: "Don't Do That. Don't Give Me Hope"

Hymn: Battle Hymn of the Republic

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Benediction

*(The Light of Christ goes out into the world)*

POSTLUDE

**DEPART TO SERVE**

\*denotes standing as you are able

**MINISTRY UPDATES**



**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

We hope that you receive a blessing from the service and that you will join us again soon. If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor's Card and place it in the offering plate.



**OUR RECORD OF STEWARDSHIP 5/2/2021:**

Worship Service Attendance: 24

Offering Last Sunday: \$595.00

\*needed per week: \$1,688.61

*"Freely you have received, freely give."*

Matthew 10:8

**Thank you for your continued support to your church!**

*(Family Life Center Building Fund to date: \$26,200.00)*

*Prayer Partners at Wellford Academy, keep up with your letters, prayers, love, and kindness! There is a box in the Narthex to place your cards and/or any special items for them. See Cathy Sizemore for questions!*



Please continue to bring in your Food Pantry items for Middle Tyger Community Center (MTCC)!

Just place them in the shopping cart in the narthex! Your donations are needed more than ever!

Canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix and syrup, pasta noodles and sauces (spaghetti sauce, etc), canned meats, and beans of all types. Let's fill our cart to help those in need!



She is clothed in strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

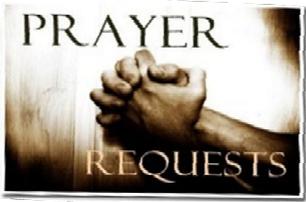
Proverbs 31:25-26

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**Immanuel UMC's mission statement:**

*"By God's GRACE and the GUIDANCE of the Holy Spirit we PURSUE Christ to become and make disciples for the transformation of the world."*





Judy Cramer  
 Blair Deichman  
 Mary Compton DeYoung  
 Wes Earl  
 Kelly Everett  
 Bailey Fortner  
 Linda Fuller  
 Teresa Greene  
 Corey Gwinn  
 Paulette Harrington  
 Mabel Howard  
 Ed Ingram

Jeff Keeling  
 Ron Lawson  
 Jean Quick  
 Melvin Pittman  
 Melinda Rittenhouse  
 Rockie Schofield  
 Cindie Simpson  
 Debra Watson  
 Liz Welsh  
 Sharon Wilborn  
 Christine Woodsby  
 Wright House Men's Home



Julie was 13 when she arrived on Epworth's campus with her older brother. Both had been removed from their home and each sent to a different foster home. They missed each other and in their grief exhibited behaviors that were not conducive to a prosperous future. They both appeared to give up on a life with a good future.

After some time a decision was made to reunite them. That is when they came to Epworth to live. After a short period of adjustment, they both began to participate in campus activities, including worship and tutoring. Their grades began to reflect their efforts to learn.

As their stay at Epworth lengthened, they participated in counseling, received family visits, played basketball, and enjoyed shopping trips with their cottage mates and staff members.

One day Julie exclaimed, "My brother and I had almost lost all hope, but now we know we have a future."

Julie, her brother Daniel\*, and many others are children we United Methodists have "adopted", and with whom have become "Partners of Hope". We form this partnership in order to provide a safe place to live, and to provide food, shelter, clothing, educational, medical, emotional health, and recreational opportunities for our children.

Thank you for giving generously this Mother's Day. ~Mark 10:13-14

*\*Children's names changed for confidentiality.*



TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING to provide loving care for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering supports this vital ministry. Thank You!

*Celebrating 125 Years*

WORSHIP SERVICE  
 11:00AM

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The Wide Spectrum of Mothering *by Amy Young*

To those who gave birth this year to their first child — **we celebrate with you**

To those who lost a child this year — **we mourn with you**

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stain — **we appreciate you**

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away — **we mourn with you**

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment — **we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is**

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms — **we need you**

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children — **we celebrate with you**

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children — **we sit with you**

To those who lost their mothers this year — **we grieve with you**

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother — **we acknowledge your experience**

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood — **we are better for having you in our midst**

To those who have aborted children — **we remember them and you on this day**

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children — **we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be**

To those who stepparent — **we walk with you on these complex paths**

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be — **we grieve with you**

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year — **we grieve and rejoice with you**

To those who placed children up for adoption — **we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart**

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising — **we anticipate with you**

This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. **We remember you.**