

Announcements

Wednesday night meal—Join us again on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship during Dinner Church. All are welcome; invite a friend!

“Lunch and Fun” at Edison Elementary on Thursdays—Pastor Ben visits with a few young people over the lunch hour and plays board games. The more the merrier! Please touch base with Ben if you would like to join him some Thursday.

“Revelation” Worship Series Begins Today—*“In a world full of uncertainty, where do we find lasting hope?”* Join us for a new worship series, **Hope That Endures: A Revelation for Today**, as we explore how the Book of Revelation speaks powerfully to our lives—offering courage, clarity, and hope in difficult times.

Revelation Bible Study Starts Wednesday—There’s much more to the story! A Bible Study for our “Hope that Endures” Worship Series will be offered Wednesday afternoons at St. James at 2 p.m. and Wednesday evenings at Emmanuel at 6:30. (Wednesday evening will be Zoom and in-person)

Confirmation Sunday is May 18th!—Our confirmation class will complete their journey during worship on Sunday, May 18th. Please join the students, teachers, families, and sponsors and we celebrate!

Ordination Celebration Sunday, June 1 at 9:30AM—Join the congregations of Emmanuel and St. James United Methodist churches to celebrate the ordination of Pastor Ben Morris. We will worship together at Emmanuel UMC beginning at 9:30AM with a brunch immediately following. Please RSVP to Jim Justman (920-915-9367) or Marilyn Zylstra (920-731-0845).

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ For Heidi Hill as she interviews to be store manager at Barnes & Noble in Green Bay.
- ♥ For Tina who is waiting on a new fridge.

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Faithful in the Fire

Revelation 3:14-22

April 27, 2025

Prelude

Welcome — PASTOR BEN MORRIS

Choral Gathering—Christ the Lord Is Risen — BLACK 2116, VS 1

Call to Worship

Come, people of God gather in the presence
of the One who stands at the door and knocks.

We open our hearts to the One who calls us to faithfulness.

Though the world may grow weary, the Spirit stirs us awake.

We come to listen, to learn, and to be renewed.

Hymn – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light — RED 206

Prayer of Confession — ALL

Gracious and Living God,

You are the One who searches hearts and awakens souls.

When we grow complacent,

stir us with your Spirit.

When we feel lukewarm,

kindle our courage.

When we are unsure,

remind us of your promise to stand at the door and knock.

Open our eyes this day to see your presence,

And open our lives to follow you with renewed faithfulness.

Through Christ our Lord we pray,

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment— PASTOR BEN

Offering

Doxology — RED 95

Offering Prayer

You have given us everything we need—

grace enough to sustain us, and love enough to lead us.

As we bring our gifts today,

may they reflect hearts rekindled with passion and purpose.

Use these offerings—and our lives—for your glory,

that we might be your faithful witnesses in this world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture — Revelation 3:14-22

“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation: “I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, ‘I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.’ You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white robes to clothe yourself and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen, and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

God, we thank you for your Word.

The story of your grace.

Sermon — Faithful in the Fire — PASTOR BEN

Choral Anthem — Amen— VERNON HICKS AND CHOIR

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn— O Jesus, I Have Promised — RED 399

Benediction

Postlude