

## 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! Our last Wednesday for the season at Emmanuel will be on May 21st! The ministry will transition to St. James on June 11th.

**“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 Bible Study Continues this 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

- ♥ Joy! Morgan is doing a fantastic job racing in the hurdles.
- ♥ Joy! Bev Stan, her sister Barb, and her granddaughter Lily are celebrating their birthdays on Tuesday, May 6.
- ♥ Joy! Nancy Huolihan has her eighth great grandchild.
- ♥ For Presley Rae Huolihan born 6 weeks early and is in the NICU.
- ♥ For the family of Olivia Geisthardt whose memorial service was this past Friday.
- ♥ For those who live in uncertainty; may they find light.
- ♥ For Joe’s brother-in-law, Chris, whose is having a procedure to get his heart out of a-fib and he is afraid.
- ♥ For the Sagers family on the passing of their son Trey.

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The Struggle and the Victory

Revelation 12:1-12

May 11, 2025

Prelude

Welcome — PASTOR BEN MORRIS

Opening Prayer for Mother's Day

Loving God, we know your love because we have mothers.  
We thank you for the mothers who carried us in their wombs,  
nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world.  
We thank you for the mothers who did not give birth to us,  
yet loved us just the same.  
With gratitude we remember their words of encouragement  
when we have felt unsure or afraid;  
We thank you for their kindness when the world has treated us unkindly;  
We honor our mothers with lives of service to you  
in the name of the Risen Christ, for it is in his Name we pray. Amen.

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

Call to Worship

A loud voice in heaven declares: “  
Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God.”  
**We gather in worship, proclaiming Christ's victory over fear, evil, and death.**  
“They overcame by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.”  
**We come with courage, trusting the Lamb who reigns.**  
Rejoice, people of God! Let heaven and earth be glad!  
**We lift our voices in praise to the Lamb who gives us strength.**

Hymn – God of Grace and God of Glory — RED 577

Prayer of Confession — ALL

**Merciful God, You have shown us strength through sacrifice,  
and victory through love.**  
**Yet we confess that we are often drawn to false power—  
to pride, control, and fear.**  
**By the blood of the Lamb and the word of truth,  
cleanse us, restore us, and renew our courage  
to follow you faithfully, even when the world resists.**  
**Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment— PASTOR BEN

Offering

Doxology — RED 95

Offering Prayer

**God of the Lamb,  
You have shown us that true power is found in grace,  
and true strength in surrender.**  
**May what we offer—  
in our giving and in our living—  
bear witness to the love that casts out fear,  
and the hope that endures even in struggle.**  
**Use these gifts to strengthen your Church,  
to lift up the weary,  
and to shine your light in the darkness.**  
**We offer them in the name of Jesus,  
the Lamb who reigns forever. Amen.**

Scripture — Revelation 12:1-12

God, we thank you for your Word. **The story of your grace.**

Sermon — The Struggle and the Victory — PASTOR BEN

Choral Anthem — The Lord Has Overcome— CHOIR

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Blessing of Fellowship Hall (to be continued after worship)

**God of welcome and warmth,  
bless the spaces where we meet,  
where laughter rises, tears are shared, and friendships grow.**  
**Prepare the Fellowship Lounge,  
dedicated in memory of Doris Leininger,  
as a place of holy conversation and quiet care.**  
**May it always reflect Your hospitality. Amen.**

Hymn— We Are Singing — BLACK 2235A

Benediction

Postlude