

# WORSHIP SERVICE July 31, 2022

# REFLECTION

"The surest way to determine whether one possesses the love of God is to see whether he or she loves his or her neighbor. These two loves are never separated."

~Teresa of Avila

# YOU ARE GOOD

Lord You are good And Your mercy endureth forever Lord You are good And Your mercy endureth forever People from every nation and tongue From generation to generation

Chorus:

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We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
For You are good

Bridge: You are good all the time All the time You are good You are good all the time All the time You are good

Israel Houghton CCLI Song #3383788

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We gather in response to God's gracious invitation, not because worship earns favor with him.

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Leader: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of People: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

~Psalm 34:8, 17-18

all their troubles.

INSTRUMENT OF PEACE Chorus: Lord make me

An instrument of peace An instrument of peace

Where is there hatred let me sow love Where there is darkness let me sow light For in the giving we shall receive And in the dying we're given life

> Lord make me An instrument of peace An instrument of peace

Where there is sorrow let me sow hope Where there is doubt let me sow faith Where is injury your pardon give Your consolation to those in pain

Lord make me An instrument of peace An instrument of peace

Isaac Wardell | Jessica Fox | Liz Vice | Orlando Palmer | Paul Zach CCLI Song #3383788

# SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>17</sup>Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, <sup>18</sup>yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. <sup>19</sup>God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

~Habakkuk 3:17-19

# **DEACON COMMISSIONING**

Michael Hunter and Kristine Leiphart

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## GREETING AND RECESSIONAL

Nursery is available during service. Children up to 5th grade will stay in the service.

### DOXOLOGY

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **SERMON TEXT**

The public reading of the Scriptures reminds us of the truth that can only be found in God's Word.

<sup>11</sup>For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup>We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup>Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup>We know that we have passed out of death into lite, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup>Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. <sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and

~1 John 3:11-24

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Give us the grace to live out your promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### SERMON

The sermon is a time to hear God's Word explained and applied. Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than selfreliance or self-iustification.

LOVE AND HATE REV. SCOTT SEATON

The offering is our grateful acknowledgement of trust and worship of the God who owns everything and withholds nothing. If you give online, consider contributing a dollar or loose change as a tangible act of worship.

# THE WONDERFUL CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus:

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small Love so amazing so divine Demands my soul my life my all

Chris Tomlin | Isaac Watts | J. D. Walt | Jesse Reeves | Lowell Mason CCLI Song #3148435

### LAMENT

Since we are forgiven in Christ, confession is an honest word of grace and not an exercise in shame.

He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes; my soul is empty of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the LORD."

~Lamentations 3:16-18

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are forgiven in Christ! Using the words of Scripture reinforce that our assurance is based on God's declaration and promises.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ~Lamentations 3:22-24

**COMMUNION**This is the Lord's table, not Emmanuel's, and is open to all who have a sincere faith in Jesus and have joined themselves to the visible body of Christ. The Lord's Supper isn't simply a memorial, but is also a time of real grace imparted and received in union with God.

# **GRAVES INTO GARDENS**

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus:
Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley And there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Bridge:
You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can

Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Steven Furtick | Tiffany Hudson CCLI Song #7138219

# BENEDICTION

Benediction literally means "good word." It is a pronouncement of grace and blessing as we are sent, that we would live out the Christian life solely because God is

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ~Numbers 6:24-26

After the service, a male and female leader of Emmanuel will be available by the stage to pray for any concerns you have.

Unless noted, all Scripture is English Standard Version (ESV). ■ CCLI #3184477

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Keeping Connected** 

If you're new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch, so please fill out a Keeping Connected card through our church app. Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

Children's Ministry Summer Sing-Along & S'mores - August 7

Emmanuel families are invited to a campfire sing-along and s'mores at Rivendell from 6-7:30pm! Our very own Sunday School Teacher and Worship Team Musician Nick Caine will be leading us through some fun tunes, so bring your tambourines and music makers! Please RSVP at this link by August 5.

Arlington Bridge Builders Backpack Drive - August 20th

Arlington Bridge Builders backpack Dive - August 20th Arlington Bridge Builders is hosting a backpack drive at Greenbrier Church from 10am-2pm to help local families with back-to-school needs! We encourage everyone at Emmanuel to donate \$30 for one backpack, and to volunteer at a booth with games and food on the day of the event. Look for the school bus sign in the church lobby over the next four Sundays for an opportunity to give, and please contact Carlos Dimas if you would like more information or would like to volunteer. You can also donate at the light

Vision Sunday, Congregational Meeting & Ministry Fair

Please mark your calendar for Vision Sunday, September 11, when we will look at God's call on our church and plans for the coming year. Following the service, we will have a brief congregational meeting, that will include a presentation of the budget and the election of new trustees. Afterwards, please stay for Emmanuel's Ministry Fair!

**Help With Food Pantry Deliveries** 

Arlington Bridge Builders is looking for volunteers to serve as food pantry delivery drivers on Saturdays throughout the summer to neighbors in need. ABB meets at 11:30am and the deliveries usually take less than an hour. If you're interested in serving, please sign up at this link.

# Monday Night Prayer Meeting - August 1 Please join our monthly prayer meetings!

August Mercy Offering
On August 28, we will collect an offering for Arlington Bridge Builders. Please designate mercy offerings to this partner when giving on the Émmanuel App or online.

### **COVID Precautions**

As a friendly reminder, in compliance with the CDC's and Arlington County's guidelines for COVID protocols, masks are optional during service.

Offering
We highly encourage everyone to give online through our website (click "Give" on the upper right corner) or our app (click "Give" on the bottom of the homepage). If this is not possible, then please mail checks to our office (5545 Langston Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22207).

**Parking at Rivendell** 

Please remember not to park in front of a residence when parking at Rivendell. Parking is available surrounding the Lee Community Center and park as well as the Little Ambassadors Academy parking lot.