



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

Behind all hunger is a hunger for God. Man is a hungry being but he is hungry for God. Behind all the hunger of our life is God.
All desire is finally a desire for him.

~Alexander Schmemmann, For The Life of The World

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

*Señor Eres Fiel y tu misericordia es eterna
Señor Eres Fiel y tu misericordia es eterna
Gente de toda lengua y nación
de generación a generación*

Chorus:

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

*Te adoramos hoy
Aleluya, Aleluya,
Te adoramos hoy
Eres Señor*

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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: The Lord is good,

People: A refuge in times of trouble.

Leader: He cares for those who trust in him

People: Praise the Lord!

~Nahum 1:7

ONE WAY

I lay my life down at your feet
cause You're the only one I need
I turn to you, and you are always there
In troubled times it's you I seek
I put you first, that's all I need
I humble all I am, all to you

Chorus:

One way, Jesus, You're the only one that I could live for
One way, Jesus, You're the only one that I could live for

You are always, always there
Every how and everywhere
Your grace abounds so deeply within me
You will never, ever change
Yesterday, today the same
Forever 'til forever meets no end

Bridge:

You are the way the truth and the life
We live by faith and not by sight for you
we're living all for you

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Question 23: Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

Answer: That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

Question 24: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Answer: Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Please meet your teacher in the lobby.

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.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

~Genesis 3:1-9

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, quiet our hearts that we may know and hear you today. Where our hearts are hard, soften them; where they are broken, bind them up; where we are anxious, give us peace; where we doubt, give us trust. For you alone are the One who is making all things new, even us today. 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 self-reliance or self-justification.

WHERE ARE YOU?

REV. STEPHEN BATES

OFFERING

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.

GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus:

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge:

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson | Ed Cash
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CONFESSION OF SIN

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

O changeless God, under the conviction of your Spirit we learn that the more we do, the more we see our sin, the more we know, the less we know and the more we love, the more there is to love. Give us broken hearts that yet carry home the water of grace.

~"Paradoxes" Valley of Vision

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.

Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.

~Isaiah 49:15-16

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.

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
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

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
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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 with us.

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 to pray for any concerns you have, through the door on the right of the stage.

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

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2410 N Kensington St, Arlington, VA 22205*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keeping Connected

If you're new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch! Please fill out a Keeping Connected card in the bulletin or on our church app. On the app, click on "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

Engaging the Hindu Soul Seminar - TODAY

Our stories shape our experience of reality and faith. Still, the Gospel speaks uniquely to our stories. Professor Prabhu Gupta, born into a Hindu family will speak to the unique aspects to the journey to Jesus that many Hindu people take. Please join us after service in the auditorium on November 26, with lunch provided.

Restoration Immigration Legal Aid Clinic - November 29

RILA is serving the meal for its clinic on November 29! If you can drop off food or help serve the meal, [email](#) or [sign up here](#).

Intro to Emmanuel - December 3

If you are new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar from 12:30pm-2:00pm. Handbooks are available in both English and Spanish. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. [Please RSVP to Karen Adjei](#).

Christmas Hymn Sing - December 3

Please join us for a time of singing Christmas hymns at Rivendell from 7pm-8pm on December. Family and friends are welcome to attend!

Apartment Life Crafts and Cookies with Santa - December 9

On December 9th, Apartment Life needs help with their Crafts and Cookies with Santa event! The event is from 11am-1pm and they need help with decorating, running the crafts, dressing up as Santa, and providing cookies. If you're able to help, please use the Sign Up Genius or [email Sarah](#).

Women's Sexual Integrity Group - December 10

The sexual integrity group (women only) will meet on December 10 after service for a time of sharing and prayer. The group will meet at our office (5545 Langston Blvd) which is a block from the church. If you have any questions or would like to attend [please contact Wendy Cousler](#).

Annual Christmas Party and Chili Cook Off Competition - December 10

Join us for this year's Christmas Party at 5pm at Rivendell! We will have our annual chili cook-off competition for a prize, along with other activities! Please bring a side and [sign up](#) if you are able to volunteer to set-up for the party. [You can sign up for the chili cook-off here](#).

Rides for Marymount Students

Cru at Marymount is looking for volunteers to give students rides to Emmanuel on Sunday mornings. The campus is less than 5 minutes from Rivendell. If you're able to do so please [contact Matt Caspero](#).