



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

"Communion is strength; solitude is weakness. Alone, the fine old beech yields to the blast and lies prone on the meadow. In the forest, supporting each other, the trees laugh at the hurricane. The social element is the genius of Christianity."

~Charles Spurgeon

SEEN, KNOWN, LOVED

Where can I run from Your presence
Where can I hide from Your heart
Even through hardship and sorrow
Your goodness remains through it all

Chorus:

I am seen, known, loved by the Father
I'm heard, held, never forgotten
My hope, strength, light in the darkness
Now and forever, forever amen

Day after day You've been faithful
Night after night You've been near
Closer than I could imagine
You open my heart to believe

Bridge:

Heaven knows who I am
I am loved by the Father
And if the worlds in his hands I've got nothing to fear

One day I'll see You in glory
And see what's been true all along
That all of my life You've sustained me
And now for eternity more

Pat Barrett | 7226138

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

People: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

~Revelation 15:3-4

ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

If You don't build it we labor in vain
Without Your Spirit we stand with no strength
I know my life is passing away
But the works of Your hands are what will remain

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us

Chorus:

O Lord establish the work of our hands
O Lord establish the work of our hands

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Teach us to number the length of our days
Pour out Your power we'll pour out Your praise
Teach us to run to finish the race
For only what's done in love will remain

Alleluia alleluia alleluia
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

OLD TESTAMENT READING

For the choir director. A psalm of David.

¹Lord, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I stand up; you understand my thoughts from far away. ³You observe my travels and my rest; you are aware of all my ways. ⁴Before a word is on my tongue, you know all about it, Lord. ⁵You have encircled me; you have placed your hand on me. ⁶This wondrous knowledge is beyond me. It is lofty; I am unable to reach it. ⁷Where can I go to escape your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. ⁹If I fly on the wings of the dawn and settle down on the western horizon, ¹⁰even there your hand will lead me; your right hand will hold on to me. ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me, and the light around me will be night"— ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you. The night shines like the day; darkness and light are alike to you. ¹³For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well. ¹⁵My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began. ¹⁷God, how precious you

thoughts are to me; how vast their sum is! ¹⁸If I counted them, they would outnumber the grains of sand; when I wake up, I am still with you.

~Psalm 139:1-18

Reader: This is the word of God, absolutely true and given to us in love.

People: Thanks be to God

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PARTNERSHIP OFFERING FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BANGLADESH AND THE AYUBS.

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.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus— ²⁰he has inaugurated for us a new and living way through the curtain (that is, through his flesh)— ²¹and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. ²³Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

~Hebrews 10:19-25 CSB

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.

CONFIDE

REV. YOUNG LEE

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.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From Heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord one faith one birth
One holy name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

Mid toil and tribulation
And clamor of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest

And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth has union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Words by Samuel Stone, Music by Andrew L. Byers Arranged by Norton Hall Band
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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.

Blessed Jesus, we confess our hearts and minds are hurried and anxious. We have sinned in ways we can put words to and sinned others that remain unspoken. Give us stillness of soul in You. Let your mighty calm reign in us. Rule us, O King of Gentleness, O King of Peace. Amen.

~Adapted from John of the Cross

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.

"God will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."

~Micah 7:9

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. Gluten free wafers available at communion table.

GRANDE ERES DIOS (GREAT ARE YOU LORD)

Vida das y amor, traes luz a tinieblas
Fuerza das restauras todo corazón roto, Grande eres Dios

*You give life You are love, You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken, and great are You Lord*

Chorus:

Es tu aliento en mi ser, por eso Alabaré alabaré
Es tu aliento en mi ser, por eso Alabaré por siempre

*It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise, it's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

Bridge:

La tierra fuerte alabará, y estos huesos cantarán, grande eres Dios

*And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing, Great are You Lord*

David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan

PARTNERSHIP OFFERING

THY MERCY MY GOD

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine

Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

John Stocker | Sandra McCracken

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.

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*In the event of an emergency, call 911. Rivendell School's address is:
2410 N Kensington St, Arlington, VA 22205*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birth Announcement

Esther and Vineet John welcomed Sophia Elizabeth on April 12! To help with meals please contact Mel Chang at melvischang@gmail.com.

Birth Announcement

Mollie and Evan Johnson welcomed Alethea "Thea" Eden Johnson on April 10! To help with meals please visit this link: bit.ly/49vViAS

Men's Sexual Integrity Meeting - TODAY

The men's group will meet at our office (5545 Langston Blvd) for a time of sharing and prayer at 1pm. Contact mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org for more information.

Women's Sexual Integrity Meeting - TODAY

The women's sexual integrity group will meet for a time of sharing and prayer. Contact womensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org for time and location of meeting.

Youth Group Girl's Bible Study - TODAY

Molly Harnish will be leading a Behind The Scenes of Planning a Bible Study event for the middle and high school girls at the church office tonight at 6pm. Pizza will be provided. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please reach out to Molly at mollyharnish@gmail.com.

Congregational Lunch - May 5

Emmanuel is invited to a congregational lunch at Rivendell immediately after worship service! We ask that everyone bring a large side dish to share.