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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

People: Incline your ear to me; hear my words.Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge

from their adversaries at your right hand.

People: Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings...

~Psalm 17:6-8

HEAL US

Chorus:

Heal us Emmanuel here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble we confess We faintly trust Thy word But will You pity us the less Be that far from You Lord

Remember him who once applied With trembling for relief Lord I believe with tears he cried O help my unbelief

She too who touched You in the press And healing virtue stole
Was answered Daughter go in peace
Thy faith has made thee whole

Like her with hopes and fears we come To touch You if we may O send us not despairing home Send none unhealed away

Kevin Twit | Lucas S. Morton | William Cowper CCLI Song #7079488

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ³What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? ⁴A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. ⁵The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. ⁶The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. ⁷All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again. ⁸All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁹What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has been already in the ages before us. ¹¹There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.

~Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord, completely true and given to us in love. **People: Thanks be to God.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING

Doxology

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

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

⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

~Exodus 3:4-12

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 self-reliance or self-justification.

WHO AM I (AND WHO ARE YOU)?

MIGUEL LAU

OFFERING

I STAND AMAZED (HOW MARVELOUS)

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene And wonder how He could love me A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus: (Ev'rybody singin')
How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows He made them His very own (And) He bore the burden to Calvary And suffered and died alone

And with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see It will be my joy through the ages To sing of His love for me

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel | Chris Tomlin CCLI Song #4674207

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

Merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.... The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

~Psalm 34:17-18, 22

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.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend CCLI Song #3350395

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

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

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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".

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.

COVID Precautions

As a friendly reminder, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask. Unvaccinated children older than 3 years old are also encouraged to wear a mask. And for those who would like greater social distancing precautions, the balcony is available to use during service, where wearing a mask is required.

Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA) Volunteer OpportunityAre you fluent in Spanish? Or good at taking notes? Consider volunteering for Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA)! We are looking for note takers and interpreters as we meet with asylum-seekers on Wednesday nights. Please contact Mel Chang for more information.

Emmanuel Supper Club Weekend - October 7-10
Emmanuel is hosting a series of meals for the weekend of October 7! This is a great opportunity to get to know other people at Emmanuel in a more intimate setting. Please sign up on the Emmanuel app under "Meet-Ups" or at this link. You can also contact the office. Weekend meals will be hosted by:

- ~Peter & Judy Kauer (October 7)~
- ~Scott & Chris Seaton (October 8)~
- ~Jordan & Julia Banegas (October 9)~
- ~Carlos & Cory Dimas (October 9)~ ~Carlos & Pam Dourado (October 9)~
- ~Young & Michele Lee (October 9)~
- ~Nick and Jess Caine (October 10)~
- ~Alex & Kate Kinnaird (October 10)~

Stop by the church lobby table after service to learn more and sign up!

Loving Our Muslim Neighbors Class - October 3

This class, led by partners of Emmanuel who work in North Africa, will equip us to lovingly engage our Muslim neighbors and answer their common questions about Christianity. It will be held on October 3 and 10 after service. Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of lunch. If interested, send an email to the office or sign up using this link.

Conversational Spanish Classes - October 3
Starting October 3 after service, Luis Munoz will be teaching a 6-week class for those wanting to learn conversational Spanish. Luis attends Emmanuel and was a retired professor of International Law in Ecuador. This will be a great way to build stronger bridges between English and Spanish speakers at our church. If interested, send an email to the office or sign up using this link.

Become a Freedom Partner

In lieu of our mercy offering collection, we are asking people to sign up to be an IJM Freedom Partner. Your monthly financial support will help fight the violent oppression of the poor and will also give you access to IJM's prayer reports and updates. Please complete the pamphlet provided and drop it off at the IJM booth in the lobby.

Monday Night Prayer Meeting
Join us on Mondays from 7:30-8pm for our weekly prayer meetings! This week we will be praying for International Justice Mission (IJM).

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 place mail checks to assure "Give" on the bottom of the homepage). on the bottom of the homepage). If this is not possible, then please mail checks to our office (5545 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207).