



EMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE  
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REFLECTION

"You know my desire to befriend you is everlasting, that I will never cease,  
while I know how to do any thing."

*~Abraham Lincoln to his friend Joshua Speed*

### EVERLASTING GOD

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
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We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

#### *Chorus:*

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Brenton Brown | Ken Riley  
CCLI Song #4556538

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

*Leader:* With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

***People:* "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted."**

*Leader:* "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth

***People:* Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

*~Isaiah 12:3-4*

### HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

#### *Chorus:*

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa  
CCLI Song #7065053

## NEW CITY CATECHISM

*Question 51: Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?*

**Answer: Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.**

*Question 52: What hope does everlasting life hold for us?*

**Answer: It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.**

## PARTNERSHIP OFFERING PRESENTATION

Kenya Mercy Ministries - Imbumi & Martha Makuku

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. <sup>3</sup>And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>"Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup>And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk?' <sup>10</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—<sup>11</sup>"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." <sup>12</sup>And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

~Mark 2:1-12

## 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.*

THE UNPARALYZED PARALYTIC

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.*

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

O love that will not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in Thee  
I give Thee back the life I owe  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be

O light that followest all my way  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter fairer be

O joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to Thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be

George Matheson | Scott Wesley Brown

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

Lord, the fruit of your spirit is kindness, but we confess that we are often do not look beyond ourselves. For the ways we turn a blind eye to the broken-hearted, forgive us. For the ways we fail to mirror your kind heart, forgive us. For the ways we choose easy harshness over costly kindness, forgive us. Father, have mercy on us.

**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 God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, [b] 5 made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! 6 He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

*~Ephesians 2:4-7*

**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.*

WHITE AS SNOW (PSALM 51)

Have mercy on me, oh God  
According to Your unfailing love  
According to Your great compassion  
Blot out my transgressions

*Chorus:*

Would You create in me a clean heart, oh God  
Restore in me, the joy of Your salvation  
Would You create in me a clean heart, oh God  
Restore in me, the joy of Your salvation

The sacrifices of our God  
Are a broken and contrite heart  
Against You and You alone  
have I sinned

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*Bridge:*

Wash me white as snow and I will be made whole  
Wash me white as snow and I will be made whole  
Wash me white as snow and I will be made whole  
Wash me white as snow

Jon Forman  
CCLI Song # 5496329

## PARTNERSHIP OFFERING

### THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his  
Face toward you

*Chorus:*  
Amen, Amen, Amen

*Bridge:*  
May his favor  
Be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family  
And your children  
And their children And their children

May his presence  
Go before you  
And behind you  
And beside you  
All around you  
And within you  
He is with you He is with you

In the morning  
In the evening  
In your coming  
And your going  
In your weeping  
And rejoicing  
He is for you He is for you

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, and Steven Furtick  
CCLI #7147007

## NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Bridget Clark, Faith DelVecchio, Thomas DelVecchio, Sorayah Melendez, Luke Ogburn, Eva Tan, Grant Wishard, Sarah Wishard

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Intro to Emmanuel - TODAY**

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. Childcare will be provided. Please meet in the second floor conference room.

### **Get to Know CRU-Marymount Ministry at Emmanuel - TODAY**

Enjoy a homecooked lunch with us after Sunday service! Meet the Marymount University students and hear about Emmanuel's local missions effort with Cru.

### **Women's Sexual Integrity Group - TODAY**

The sexual integrity group (women only) will meet after service for a time of sharing and prayer. The group will meet at our office (5545 Langston Blvd).

### **Strings During Easter**

Emmanuel is hoping for string players for Easter, and while all bowed string players are welcome and needed, there is a particular need for cellists and double bass players. If interested, [please contact Lynne Denig](#).

### **Men's Bonfire Nights - March 3**

On the first Sunday of every month, Benton York will host a bonfire night at 7:30pm at his home in Falls Church. [Please reach out to Benton if interested](#).

### **Planning Seminar for Aging Parents - March 10**

One of the most practical ways we can honor our aging parents is helping them prepare necessary legal documents and fostering communication about last wishes. Emmanuel member Matt DeGioia is an estate attorney, who will share his insights into how to have these difficult conversations with parents, in a way that honors and values them. Parents are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided, so please [sign up at this link if interested](#).

### **Newcomers Lunch - March 17**

If you're relatively new to Emmanuel, or would just like to get to know others, you are invited to a newcomer's lunch with Korean food, hosted by Young and Michele Lee. If interested, [please sign up here](#).

### **Roundtable Discussions in March**

Below is a list of options to choose from. When signing up, please note to order and read the book prior to the discussion date.. [Sign up here](#).

- 10 Select Poems by TS Eliot (Stephen Bates) - Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30pm
- Cry, the Beloved Country, Alan Paton (Jacksons) - Friday, March 15 at 7pm
- Severe Mercy, Sheldon Vanauken (Young Lee) - Monday, March 18 at 7:30pm
- Common Rule, Justin Earley (Abrahams) - Thursday, March 21 at 7pm
- Losing our Religion, Russell Moore (Scott Seaton) - Thursday, March 21 at 7:30pm
- Anxiety Opportunity, Curtis Chang (Mel Chang) - Friday, March 22 at 7pm

### **Fellowship Month in March**

During the month of March, we've scheduled several fun opportunities to get to know others at Emmanuel. Please bring your friends! [Sign up for one soon](#).

- Hooju Choi & Casperos - Billy Goat Trail Hiking - March 2, 9am
- Couslers & Jordan Banegas - Exercise Tips for Back/Knee Pain - March 3, after church
- Andrea Backes & Amy Fong - Women's Bike Ride - March 9, 1pm
- Mike Chung - Fountainhead Regional Park Hiking - March 16, 9am
- Hyun Jung Kim-Chung - Torpedo Factory Tour - March 17, after church
- Thomas and Hyewon Kraemer - Potluck Dinner - March 23, 5:30pm
- Nolan Peters - Cooking 101: Common Kitchen Mistakes - March 24, 1pm

### **Coffee and Conversations**

Join us for Coffee & Conversation starting on Friday, February 9 from 7-8:30 pm for 10 weeks at the Greenbrier Coracle location, 5401 7th Rd. S (3rd floor). This program enables our neighbors to practice their English and learn valuable life skills, with food provided. In addition, a Citizenship Class is also being offered from 6 to 7pm. Please contact Judy Kauer if you have any questions. Sign up to volunteer for just one night or several [using this link](#).