



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

“Although claiming my true identity as a child of God, I still live as though God’s love is conditional and home as a place I am not yet fully sure of. While walking home, I keep entertaining doubts about whether I will be truly welcome when I get there. I realize my failures and know that I have lost the dignity of my sonship. But where my failings are great, ‘grace is always greater.’”

~Henri Nouwen (The Return of the Prodigal Son)

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

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

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

~Psalm 67:1-5

HOLY HOLY HOLY (NICAEA)

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons Blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Who was and is and Evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful men
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, love and purity

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy Works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three Persons
Blessed Trinity

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small.

People: There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

Leader: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

People: When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

Leader: he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

People: May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. 35 Praise the Lord, my soul.

~ *Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th 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.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you[b] free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

~ *Romans 8:1-5, 14-17*

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.

CHILDREN OF GOD

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.

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
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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.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

~Book of Common Prayer

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.

WHO YOU SAY I AM

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

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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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truths of Scripture & the relevance of the gospel in everyday life.

a denomination committed to the historic

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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".

Ushering

Our small groups take turns ushering (offering, communion) during Sunday service. When it's your group's turn to usher, please sign up when you receive the email from our church office.

Session Retreat Prayer Requests

On June 1, the Session (pastors and elders) will be going on their annual retreat in order to plan for the upcoming ministry year and spend time in prayer. You can submit a prayer request by emailing Young Lee directly at ylee@emmanuelarlington.org, in the app or Friday email, or by filling out a prayer request card in the foyer and placing it in the offering box. All prayer requests are confidential. Prayer requests will be received until May 30.

Men's Fellowship Lunch - June 4

On June 4, all the men of Emmanuel are invited for a time of food and fellowship after service at Rivendell. For food planning, please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/3ch74v3w>.

Apartment Life Bagel Breakfast Bar - June 10

Please join Apartment Life at Ballston Park Apartments for their bagel breakfast bar, from 11am-12pm! Volunteers are needed to help setup and serve food, as well as bringing some toasters. If interested, please email Apartment Life at: BallstonPark@apartmentlife.org. **Please meet at this address: 351 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22203.**

Intro to Emmanuel - June 11

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, with childcare provided. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. Please RSVP to Karen Adjei at kadjei@emmanuelarlington.org.

Apartment Life Tie Dye Extravaganza - June 21

Please join Apartment Life at Ballston Park Apartments for their tie dye extravaganza, from 5-6pm! Volunteers are needed to help run stations. And please bring your own t-shirt to join the fun! If interested, please email Apartment Life at: BallstonPark@apartmentlife.org. **Please meet at this address: 351 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22203.**