



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
MARCH 24, 2024

REFLECTION

"Evil may so shape events that Caesar will occupy a palace and Christ a cross, but one day that same Christ will rise up and split history into A.D. and B.C., so that even the life of Caesar must be dated by his name."

~Martin Luther King Jr

FATHER LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

Chorus:

Hallelu, hallelujah
Father let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
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May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
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Bridge:

You make all things new
You make all things new
In places we don't choose
You make all things new

ICCLI Song # 7097862

Ben Cooper | Isaac Wardell | Latifah Alattas | Liz Vice Music LLC
Madison Cunningham | Orlando Palmer | Paul Zach

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

People: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Leader: "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

People: Hosanna!

~Matthew 21:9

HOSANNA

Chorus:

Hosanna, Hosanna
Blessed is he who comes in the name
Hosanna, Hosanna
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Verse:

Daughter of Zion
Your king is coming
Riding a donkey
Your king is here

Stephen Bates

OLD TESTAMENT READING

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The bow of war will be removed, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion will extend from sea to sea, from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you, because of the blood of your covenant, I will release your prisoners from the waterless cistern. ¹²Return to a stronghold, you prisoners who have hope; today I declare that I will restore double to you. ¹³For I will bend Judah as my bow; I will fill that bow with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece. I will make you like a warrior's sword. ¹⁴Then the Lord will appear over them, and his arrow will fly like lightning. The Lord God will sound the ram's horn and advance with the southern storms. ¹⁵The Lord of Armies will defend them. ¹⁶The Lord their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people; for they are like jewels in a crown, sparkling over his land.

~Zechariah 9:9-16

PARTNERSHIP OFFERING PRESENTATION

Assist Pregnancy Center

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.

¹When they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here right away.'" ⁴So they went and found a colt outside in the street, tied by a door. They untied it, ⁵and some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They answered them just as Jesus had said; so they let them go. ⁷They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven! ¹¹He went into Jerusalem and into the temple. After looking around at everything, since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve. ¹²They came to Jerusalem, and he went into the temple and began to throw out those buying and selling. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, ¹³and would not permit anyone to carry goods through the temple. ¹⁴He was teaching them: "Is it not written, My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a den of thieves!" ¹⁵The chief priests and the scribes heard it and started looking for a way to kill him. For they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was astonished by his teaching. ¹⁶Whenever evening came, they would go out of the city.

~Mark 11:1-11, 15-19 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.

THE KING HAS COME...?

REV. NATHAN BOYETTE

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.

RECKLESS LOVE

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus:

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Bridge:

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

CCLI Song # 7089641
Caleb Culver | Cory Asbury | Ran Jackson

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 self-control, but we confess we have indulged in disordered desires. For the ways we grieved your Spirit this week, forgive us. For the ways we turned from freedom in Spirit to a cheap counterfeit, forgive us. Lord, give us grace to keep in step with the 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.

⁸...Let us be self-controlled and put on the armor of faith and love, and a helmet of the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

~1 Thessalonians 5:8-10

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.

THE SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace, In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath His covenant His blood, support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay
When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone faultless to stand before the throne

Edward Mote | William Batchelder Bradbury

PARTNERSHIP OFFERING

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid

For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Joshua Moore | 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

Allen and Sonali Joel welcomed Zara Anjali on March 13! To help with meals please visit this link: <https://takethemameal.com/MWOZ9379>

March Partnership Offering - Assist Pregnancy Center - TODAY

We will have a special offering for Assist on Sunday, March 24. As you may know, Assist Pregnancy Center (also known as Metro Women's Care) exists to promote life through Christ. Please consider donating generously to this worthy partner.

Women's Sexual Integrity Group - TODAY

The sexual integrity group (women only) will meet after service for a time of sharing and prayer. The women's group will meet at our office (5545 Langston Blvd) which is a block from the church.

Egg Hunt and Brunch - March 30

Emmanuel's Egg Hunt will be at the Ballston Park Apartments in partnership with Apartment Life Ministries. It will be at 11am and brunch will be served. There are many opportunities to serve, including bringing food, hiding eggs, and manning activity stations. You can sign up to volunteer here using this link: bit.ly/3Tcr4xY

Recruiting for Call to Worship during Easter Services

We will start Easter service with a call to worship in languages spoken at Emmanuel as a way to remember that Christ rose for all peoples. If you can converse or just "get by" in a language and are willing to read a short verse we'll supply you with, please email Marissa with the language(s) you can speak: mdiaz@emmanuelarlington.org

In Memoriam Tribute for Easter Service

During both Easter services, we will have lilies displayed on the stage in honor of loved ones, in memoriam, along with names and an optional message printed in the bulletin. If you would like to have a family member or friend's name and optional message as part of the tribute, please email Marissa: mdiaz@emmanuelarlington.org

Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services

We're excited to host a Good Friday and two Easter services this year at Rivendell! Please consider inviting a friend or family member to one of the following services:

Good Friday Service: Friday, March 29 @ 7-8pm

Easter Sunday, March 31

First Service @ 8:30am (nursery provided)

Second Service @ 10:30am (nursery and Sunday school provided)

Intro to Emmanuel - April 7

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 Marissa Diaz at mdiaz@emmanuelarlington.org.

Congregational Lunch - April 14

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

Wrap Around Team for The Johnsons

Project Belong is seeking volunteers interested in supporting Evan & Mollie Johnson as they care for their daughter, Amaris, who requires considerable medical care.

This wrap-around team will serve in various ways such as helping assemble Amaris' medical care kits, unbox and organize her monthly supply deliveries, and Saturday mother's helper. For more information, please contact Marianna Stone:

mariannafountainstone@gmail.com