



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COMPASSION SUNDAY
JULY 30, 2023

REFLECTION

"There is no ideal place to serve God except the place where he has set you down."
~Eric Alexander

AGAIN I SAY REJOICE

Chorus:

Rejoice in the Lord al- ways
And again I say, and again I say
Rejoice in the Lord al- ways
And again I say, and again I say rejoice

Come bless the Lord, come bless the Lord
Draw near to worship Christ the Lord
And bless His name, His Holy name
Declaring He is good

O that we would praise Him
O that we would praise Him

Chorus:

Rejoice in the Lord al- ways
And again I say, and again I say
Rejoice in the Lord al- ways
And again I say, and again I say rejoice

O that we would praise His name
Praise His name to the ends of the earth
O that we would praise His name
Praise His name to the ends of the earth

Rejoice
Rejoice

2004 Integrity's Praise! Music
CCLI Song #4302823

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines,

People: though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,

Leader: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

People: The Sovereign Lord is our strength;

~Habakkuk 3

WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal the earth will shake
Night will fall light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

Chorus:

Because of His great Love we are not overcome
Because of His great Love we are not overcome

Have no fear for your life
Turn your cheek turn your cheek
Bear the yoke love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath

Isaac Wardell | Robert Heiskell
CCLI Song #7023232

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: ¹²⁹Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

People: ¹³⁰**The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

Leader: ¹³¹I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.

People: ¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.**

Leader: ¹³³Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

People: ¹³⁴**Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.**

Leader: ¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

~Psalm 119:129-135

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Lydia Grace McBell, Mike McBell, Hooju Choi, Elliott Fox

APOSTLE'S CREED

Though not authored by the original apostles, this 2nd century creed summarizes their teachings and is the most widely used profession of the Christian faith.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. The third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CRU PRESENTATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL - NURSERY PROVIDED

There is no Sunday school today. Children are invited to stay during service.

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.

¹⁴I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. ¹⁵But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God ¹⁶to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. ¹⁸For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, ¹⁹by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; ²⁰and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, ²¹but as it is written, ²²"Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand." ²³This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. ²⁴But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, ²⁵I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. ²⁶At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. ²⁷For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. ²⁸For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. ²⁹When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. ³⁰I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

~Romans 15:14-29

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.

OUR PRIESTLY AMBITION

REV. SCOTT SEATON

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.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin

Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God

Charitie Lees Bancroft

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Triune God, you call us to live your mission as a kingdom of priests and to bear your light to the nations. We confess we are reluctant ambassadors and cracked mirrors of your grace. Help us to reflect your light, for the flourishing of our neighborhoods, our families, our friends, and our places of work. That the earth would be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

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.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

~1 Peter 2:9-10

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.

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 | Steven Furtick
CCLI Song #7147007

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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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".

Intro to Emmanuel - TODAY - Second Floor Conference Room

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. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church.

Birth Announcement

Thomas and Brittany Burnham welcomed James Frederick on July 21! To help with meals [please visit this link](#).

Cru Move-In Day at Marymount University - August 24

Emmanuel is invited to join Matt Caspero (on staff with Cru) at Marymount University on Thursday, August 24, to help the ministry form connections with new students by helping them move into their dorms. Shifts are available from 7:30-3pm, and Emmanuel t-shirts will be provided to wear. Please RSVP by August 10, [at this link](#). There will also be a sign up sheet in the lobby after service.

Congregational Luncheon - August 20

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

Kenya Missions Trip Support

In August, Emmanuel will be sending a team to Kenya to serve our ministry partners, serving in the slums of Nairobi. Please consider supporting the team by linking to the Giving page on our website, scrolling down to "Ways To Give" and selecting "Kenya Missions Trip" on the drop-down menu.