

FOREVER

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

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Chorus:

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Chris Tomlin
CCLI Song #3148428

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

~Psalm 103:1-4

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:

(And) 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

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹²So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly. For what can the man do who comes after the king? Only what has already been done. ¹³Then I saw that there is more gain in wisdom than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness. ¹⁴The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived that the same event happens to all of them. ¹⁵Then I said in my heart, "What happens to the fool will happen to me also. Why then have I been so very wise?" And I said in my heart that this also is vanity. ¹⁶For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How the wise dies just like the fool! ¹⁷So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind. ¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

~Ecclesiastes 2:12-26

MERCY OFFERING PRESENTATION

Matt & Renee McCrory serving with InterVarsity at GMU.

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.

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." ¹⁵When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" ¹⁶But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' ¹⁹And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' ²⁰And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' ²²And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' ²³And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

~Luke 14:12-24

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through 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.

THE GREAT BANQUET

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.

JESUS PAID IT ALL

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus 1:

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

Chorus 2:

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

Alex Nifong | Elvina M. Hall | John Thomas Grape
CCLI Song #4689508

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

We need Your healing, merciful God. Give us true repentance. Some sin is plain to us, some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us. Set us free to hear Your Word to us. Set us free to serve You.

~A New Zealand Prayer Book

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.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his Beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

~Colossians 1:13-14

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.

MERCY OFFERING COLLECTION

HOLY HOLY HOLY (NICAEA)

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
Lord, 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

John Bacchus Dykes | Reginald Heber
CCLI Song #1156

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 by the stage to pray for any concerns you have.

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".

Parking at Rivendell

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.

October Mercy Offering

Today, we will collect a Mercy Offering for Matt and Renee McCrory's ministry with InterVarsity at George Mason University (Fairfax Campus) during the closing song. Please designate mercy offerings to the McCrory's when giving on the Emmanuel App or [online on our website](#).

Children's Ministry Muffin Morning - Today

Emmanuel families are invited to a Children's Ministry Muffin Morning today after service. Please join us for muffins in the courtyard!

Coffee and Conversations

Join ABB every Friday from 6:30 to 8pm at Arlington Mill Community Center to meet our neighbors and practice speaking English with them! Please sign up for at least one Friday under "Get Connected" on the Emmanuel App or [at this link](#).

Assist Pregnancy Center Annual Fundraising Banquet - October 15

Assist Pregnancy Center's annual Banquet provides an opportunity to learn more about their life-affirming medical, counseling, and educational services provided at no-cost to families in our community. Hear stories of lives saved and lives transformed at this special event! [Please contact Pete Kauer](#) for additional information if you would like to attend.

Women's Brunch - October 16

Women of every age and life-stage are invited to an Emmanuel Women's Ministry Brunch on October 16th from 10am-12pm at Sarah Kim's home. [Please RSVP by emailing the office](#) or [by using this link](#).

Guest Sermon and Seminar - October 17

Please join us when Dr. Skip Ryan will be preaching as part of our "Meals with Jesus" series. After the service, Skip will share lessons on weakness, through his personal story. Lunch will be provided, along with childcare for kids up through fifth grade.

ABB Golf Tournament for Transformation - October 22

ABB is hosting its second annual Golf Tournament fundraiser in the morning at Algonkian Golf Course on Friday, October 22, with lunch provided. For more information and to register, [please follow this link](#).

Salsa Dance and Cooking Class - October 24

Emmanuel is hosting a night of fun, food and fellowship at Rivendell on October 24, starting at 4pm! Families are welcome to attend, with children 12 years old and older. The cost to attend is \$10 per person and \$20 per family. If you would like to attend, [please contact Carlos Dimas](#) or [sign up at this link](#).

Marriage and Conflict Class - October 31

Young Lee will be leading a seminar on marriage and conflict after service for four weeks. If you have any questions or are interested, [please contact Young Lee](#) or [sign up using this link](#).

Youth Mentor Opportunity

Emmanuel is looking for 1-2 youth mentors to be a part of the youth ministry. If you are interested in ministering to students at a crucial moment in their story, [please contact Stephen Bates](#).

Monday Night Prayer Meeting

This week's prayer meeting has been paused. Please join us next week for our weekly prayer meetings!

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 please mail checks to our office (5545 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207).