



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
APRIL 23, 2023

REFLECTION

Singleness is more a vocation than an empowerment,
although to be sure God is faithful in supporting those He calls.
~John Stott

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

Martin Luther | Luke Salik | Matthew Westerholm
CCLI Song #7038281

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: I am the resurrection and the life.

People: The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.

Leader: Whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

People: Do you believe this?

~John 11:25-26

ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

If You don't build it we labor in vain
Without Your Spirit we stand with no strength
I know my life is passing away
But the works of Your hands are what will remain
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us

Chorus:

O Lord establish the work of our hands
O Lord establish the work of our hands

Teach us to number the length of our days
Pour out Your power we'll pour out Your praise
Teach us to run to finish the race
For only what's done in love will remain

Alleluia alleluia alleluia
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Aaron Keyes | Isaac Wardell | Liz Vice Music LLC
| Madison Cunningham | Orlando Palmer | Paul Zach | Sandra McCracken
CCLI Song #7097860

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

People: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"

Leader: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

People: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants. Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.

Leader: I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

People: in the courts of the house of the Lord - in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

~Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

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.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned[a] and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.

~Philippians 4:8-14

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.

A SINGLE PERSPECTIVE

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.

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but thou art mighty
Hold me with thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven
Feed me now and evermore
Bread of heaven
Feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing waters flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong deliverer
Be thou still my strength and shield
Strong deliverer
Be thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee

Oh to finally say goodbye
Bid my anxious fears
Bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears
Bid my anxious fears goodbye

Jeremy Casella | John Hughes
CCLI Song #4330754

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Saturated us in your love, Lord God, and keep us as the apple of your eye. When we are tempted to fear, give us strength. When we are tempted to anxious thoughts, give us peace. When we are tempted to doubt, strengthen our faith with your own.

~Canyon Road

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 Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

~Zephaniah 3:17

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.

GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus:

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge:

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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".

Singleness Seminar - TODAY, 12:30pm at the Seaton's Home

Our own Jennifer Patterson is the author of "Now And Not Yet: Making Sense of Single Life in the Twenty-First Century." In this informal luncheon, Jennifer will be sharing insights from the book and her own life, as well as leading an interactive discussion.

Youth Group - TODAY

Emmanuel's Youth Group will be meeting after service. Youth group meets at 12:30 on the second floor, right next to the entrance to the gym (when you see the orange youth sign, you've come to the right place!). Lunch will be provided.

Sparks - TODAY

Third through fifth graders are invited to a Sparks meeting from 12:30-2:00pm. We will have lunch, a lesson, and lots of fun.

Help Dulles Project at South Riding Mosaic Festival - April 29

The Dulles Project will be hosting a booth at the local South Riding Mosaic Festival on Saturday April 29th, 12-6pm. Please sign up using the link in the Friday email.

Help with Arlington Bridge Builders' Family Festival - May 6

Arlington Bridge Builders' annual Family Festival will be held at the food pantry on May 6 for families being served by the food pantry and surrounding neighborhoods. It is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in the community while having fun. The event will be held from 11am to 2pm with volunteers having an opportunity to serve in 2 hour shifts. Sign up using the link in the Friday email.

Congregational Luncheon - May 7

Emmanuel is invited to a congregational lunch at Rivendell immediately after worship service on May 7! We ask that everyone bring a large side dish to share!

Outdoor Movie Night with Apartment Life - May 19

Please join Apartment Life at Ballston Park Apartments for their outdoor movie night, from 8-9:45pm. Feel free to bring your own snacks! Popcorn will be served.

High School Blessing - May 21

On May 21, we will honor graduating high school seniors. If you would like your child to be included, [please contact the office](#).

April Mercy Offering - Assist Pregnancy Center

We will collect an offering for Assist Pregnancy Center on April 30 during the closing song. Please designate this partner when giving in-person or online.

Coffee and Conversations

Join us to teach conversational English in a relaxing setting at the Arlington Mill Community Center on Fridays from 6:30-8:00pm on March 3 to May 12. Students are from Central/Latin America, Africa and Asia. Use the Friday email link to sign up.