



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COMPASSION SUNDAY
JULY 16, 2023

REFLECTION

"The lure of power can separate the most resolute of Christians from the true nature of Christian leadership, which is service to others. It's difficult to stand on a pedestal and wash the feet of those below."

~Charles Colson

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To his people in distress;
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him!
Praise him for his faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him,
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Lyte | John Goss

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

People: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

~based on Psalm 108:1-4

INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

Lord make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace

Where is there hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me sow light
For in the giving we shall receive
And in the dying we're given life

Lord make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace

Where there is sorrow let me sow hope
Where there is doubt let me sow faith
Where is injury your pardon give
Your consolation to those in pain

Lord make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace

Amen

Isaac Wardell | Jessica Fox | Liz Vice | Orlando Palmer | Paul Zach

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it to keep your righteous rules.

Leader: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word!

People: Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your rules.

Leader: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

People: The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts

Leader: Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

People: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

~Psalm 119:105-112

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.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

~Romans 13:1-10

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.

POWER AND AUTHORITY

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.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

Ada Ruth Habershon | Matthew Merker

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Blessed Jesus, we confess our hearts and minds are hurried and anxious. We have sinned in ways we can put words to and sinned others that remain unspoken. Give us stillness of soul in You. Let your mighty calm reign in us. Rule us, O King of Peace. Amen.

~Adapted from John of the Cross

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.

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace...

~Ephesians 2:13-14a

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.

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman
CCLI Song #6016351

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".

Annual Church Cookout - TODAY

Everyone is invited to Emmanuel's annual church-wide cookout on July 16 from 4:30pm - 7:30pm at Bon Air Picnic Shelter! It will be a great time of fellowship, food, and fun. Please bring a side or game to share! We will need help with setup, grilling, and clean-up, so please [sign up using this link](#).

Intro to Emmanuel - July 30

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. [Please RSVP to Karen Adjei](#).

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.

Thank you to all those who donated to last week's bake fundraiser - over \$2200 was raised!