

## JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare him room;  
Heaven and nature sing  
Let heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains;  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy;  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace;  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness;  
The wonders of His love  
The wonders of His love;  
The wonders, wonders of His love

Brenton Brown | George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts | Michael Rossback | Paul Baloche

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth

**People: Worship the LORD with gladness**

Leader: Come before him with joyful songs

~ Psalm 100:1-2

## MAKE US ONE

One with the Father one with the Spirit  
One with the Son of God  
One with our sister one with our brother  
One fam'ly by the blood

*Chorus 1:*

Make us one make us one  
Your will be done make us one

One heart with heaven one mind connected  
One body unified  
Bind us together now and forever  
Jesus be glorified

*Chorus 2:*

Make us one make us one  
Let Your kingdom come  
Make us one make us one

Chris Quilala | Joshua Silverberg | Ran Jackson | Ricky Jackson

## CONFESSION

Merciful God, for the evil we have done, forgive us; for the things we have failed to do, forgive us; for all the times we have acted without love, forgive us; for all the times we have chosen the poison of unholy division over unity, forgive us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

## 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.*

"If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities."

~ Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8

## 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.*

<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

~ Psalm 133

## 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 BLESSING OF UNITY

ROB HASSLER

## DOXOLOGY (AMEN)

My Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above you heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

*Chorus:*

Amen Amen Amen  
God we praise You  
God we praise You

Praise God for all that He has done  
Praise Him for He has overcome  
The grave is beaten love has won  
Praise God our Savior Christ the Son

Louis Bourgeois | Phil Wickham | Thomas Ken

## BENEDICTION

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

*Unless noted, all Scripture is English Standard Version (ESV). ■ CCLI #3184477*

## 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 (instructions on downloading the app can be found below). Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

### Virtual Services Only

We will not be meeting in-person for the next few weeks. We will continue live-streaming the worship service until we regroup for in-person worship at the new location. We will not be offering drop-in communion today, or any other Sunday while we are not meeting in person. We will be updating the website and emailing out more details for the transition to Rivendell soon.

### End of Year Giving

All 2020 offering checks that are mailed must be postmarked by 12/31, in order to comply with IRS regulations for tax-deductible charitable contributions. For online giving, requests need to be completed by 11:59PM on 12/31. The church treasurer will send an email containing a link to your personal giving statement in the Emmanuel Network. If for some reason you are unable to print it or need it to be sent via email, please contact [treasurer@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:treasurer@emmanuelarlington.org) at the office for help.

### Facility Fund Campaign

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the new office space/ministry center, you can do so by giving online at [www.emmanuelarlington.org/give](http://www.emmanuelarlington.org/give) and selecting "Facility Fund", or by mailing a check to the church office (1408 N. Fillmore St., Suite 16, Arlington, VA 22201) with "Facility Fund" in the memo line. So far we have raised \$155320.54 of our \$200,000 goal.

### Arlington Bridge Builder's Pandemic Relief Fund

Make a donation to ABB's Relief Fund through the end of January and Emmanuel, through the Deacons' Fund, will match your collective contributions up to \$7000. Donations can be given through the church's online giving platform or by mail. The fund helps our neighbors who are in desperate need of assistance with essential expenses such as rent and medical bills. ABB was founded ten years ago to serve the poor in our community by a coalition of Arlington churches, which includes Emmanuel.

### December Mercy Offering - Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA)

Throughout the month of December, we will collect a Mercy Offering to support Restoration Immigration Legal Aid, an organization that provides pro bono legal assistance to those who are most vulnerable and have fewest resources. You can give by selecting "December Mercy Offering - RILA" as the category on the Emmanuel App or at [www.emmanuelarlington.org/give](http://www.emmanuelarlington.org/give).

### 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 (1408 N Fillmore St. #16, Arlington, VA 22201).

**Emmanuel's App** is a great way to connect with the church, volunteer for ministries, support the church financially and access resources for spiritual growth. Download the app by searching "Emmanuel Presbyterian Church" on the iTunes store, Amazon Appstore, or Google Play, or by aiming your smartphone's camera at the QR code.

