



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

"The church is always astounded, and shudders, when it hears the voice of the One who commands it to renounce power and honor, to let go of all its calculations and let God alone do God's work."

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in a 1933 sermon in Berlin

YOU ARE GOOD

Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

Chorus:

We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
For You are good

Bridge:

You are good all the time
All the time You are good
You are good all the time
All the time You are good

Israel Houghton

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

~Psalm 96:1-4

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Chorus:

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died, To take away my sin

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how, great Thou art

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

People: O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

~Psalm 105

BAPTISM

Aavya Joy Malavathu

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Please meet your teacher in the lobby.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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.

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though the flocks disappear from the pen and there are no herds in the stalls, yet I will celebrate in the LORD; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! The LORD my Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights!"

~Habakkuk 3:17-19, CSB

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word. Give us grace not only to hear and understand how you would speak to us today, but also the grace to trust and follow you, through Christ our Lord. 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.

TREADING ON THE HIGH PLACES

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.

I ASKED THE LORD

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith and love and every grace
To more of His salvation know
And seek more earnestly His face
Twas He who taught me how to pray
And He I trust has answered prayer
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair
I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request
And by His love's constraining power
Subdue my sins and give me rest
Instead of this He made me feel
The hidden evils of the heart
And let the angry pow'rs of hell
Assault my soul in every part
Yea more with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe
Doomed all the fair designs I schemed
Capsized my heart and laid me low
Lord why is this, I trembling cried
Wilt Thou pursue Thine own to death
'Tis in this way the Lord replied
I answer prayer for grace and faith
These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou may find thine all in Me
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John Newton (alt. Laura Taylor) | Music: Laura Taylor.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

"Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and looked down on everyone else: ¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee was standing and praying like this about himself: God, I thank you that I'm not like other people—greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get." Forgive us Lord, for the ways we seek to justify ourselves before you.

~Luke 18:9-12

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.

¹³"But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven but kept striking his chest and saying, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this one went down to his house justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

~Luke 18:13-14

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.

I STAND AMAZED (HOW MARVELOUS)

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus:

How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
(And) He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

And with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel | Chris Tomlin
CCLI Song # 4674207

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".

Youth Group Parent Meeting - TODAY

Parents are invited to a parent meeting that will set the tone for the months ahead. We'll be discussing our new care model, the evolving role of mentors, and how you and your child can participate. The in person meeting will meet at Rivendell after service with lunch provided. Can't make it in person? Join our virtual meeting on September 6th and [contact Stephen Bates](#) to login.

Birth Announcement

Mireille Olivo and Elliott Fox welcomed Gabriel Nicolas on August 17! To help with meals [please visit this link](#).

Birth Announcement

Jarrett, Anna, and Quincy Pettigrew welcomed Miles Samuel on August 23! To help with meals [please visit this link](#).

Small Group Registration

Starting today, you can sign up for one of our 16 small groups, which are intimate communities focused on spiritual growth. For the Fall, most groups will be studying Ecclesiastes using the book "Living Life Backward," while others will choose their own material. We also will be offering a new Community Group focused on strengthening our marriage and another group on developing as parents.

If you would like to sign up for any of these groups or need to switch groups, then complete the registration form in the bulletin. For any questions, [reach out to Young Lee](#).

Vision Sunday - September 10

Please mark your calendars for our annual Vision Sunday, September 10, when we'll look at what God is calling us to in the upcoming ministry year. The service will be followed by a brief congregational meeting to present the budget and elect trustees, and a luncheon for everyone. Hope to see you then!

Congregational Luncheon - September 10

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