



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
MARCH 26, 2023

REFLECTION

"If you are crossing a desert, it won't do to have a well at the beginning and a well at the end. There have to be wells along the way. The wells of salvation are plural. They are as many as your days and are located everywhere you go."

~John Piper

FATHER LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

Chorus:

Hallelu, hallelujah
Father let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
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May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
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Bridge:

You make all things new
You make all things new
In places we don't choose
You make all things new

Ben Cooper | Isaac Wardell | Latifah Alattas | Liz Vice Music LLC
| Madison Cunningham | Orlando Palmer | Paul Zach
CCLI Song #7097862

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

~Psalm 27:1, 4

HEAR MY CRY

Hear my cry, O Lord, at the gates of death;
My body is weak and I've lost all my breath.
For You, O Lord, are the Righteous Judge
Be my stronghold, my refuge, my solid rock
Hear my cry!

Hear my cry, O Lord, when I'm lost in sin
Search deep in my heart and restore me within
For You, O Lord, are the Worthy Lamb
Be my savior, redeemer, my living word
Hear my cry!

Chorus:

Oh, I love you Lord
For you have heard my voice
When in my deepest need,
You turn to me And hear my cry.

Hear my cry, O Lord, make your church a light
A city that stands to defend what is right
For You, O Lord, are the Glorious King
Be my shepherd, my master, my morning star
Hear my cry!

Hear my cry, O Lord, when we face discord
Send patience until fellowship is restored
For You, O Lord, are the Faithful Friend
Be my comfort, my healer, my Prince of Peace
Hear my cry!

Kirk Ward

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: A song of ascents: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

People: Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

People: I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Leader: Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

People: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

~Psalm 130

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 2nd 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.

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." ⁹Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. ¹⁰How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. ¹¹He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised...¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

~Romans 4:1-11a, 18-21

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.

THE MYTH OF ABRAHAM

REV. YOUNG LEE

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
CCLI Song #7016161

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Lord, you see all things. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Blot out our transgressions, be merciful to us sinners, and grant that our names may be found written in the book of life, for the sake of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

~Nerses of Clajes (373 AD)

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.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

~Hebrews 12:1-2

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.

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus:
Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery

Jennie Lee Riddle
CCLI Song #4447960

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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*In the event of an emergency, call 911. Rivendell School's address is:
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".

Nursing Room

The conference room, located on the second floor, will be used as a nursing room for mothers during service on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please talk to Angela Na.

Intro to Emmanuel - TODAY

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, with childcare provided. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. We will be meeting in the second floor conference room.

Help Needed for Project Belong's Care Community

Emmanuel has been supporting a family in the middle of their adoption journey with their 8 year old daughter. We need a few more volunteers who would be willing to do yard/house and cleaning tasks, small house repairs, hang out with a delightful 8 year old, and build a relationship with an Arlington family. If you're interested in volunteering, [contact Jessica Niemeyer](#), and plan on joining us for a lunch on Sunday, April 2. Please RSVP to [Chris Seaton](#) by Friday, March 31.

Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt with Apartment Life, Ages 0-13 - April 8

Emmanuel's Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Ballston Park Apartments in partnership with Apartment Life Ministries. It will be at 11am and brunch will be served. There are many opportunities to serve, including bringing food, hiding eggs, and manning activity stations. Please volunteer using the link in the Friday email.

Recruiting for Call to Worship during Easter Services

We will start Easter service with a call to worship in languages spoken at Emmanuel as a way to remember that Christ rose for all peoples. If you can converse or just "get by" in a language and are willing to read a short verse we'll supply you with, please [email Karen](#) with the language(s) you can speak.

In Memoriam Tribute for Easter Service

During both Easter services, we will have lilies displayed on the stage in honor of loved ones, in memoriam, along with names and an optional message printed in the bulletin. If you would like to have a loved one's name and optional message as part of the tribute, [please email Karen Adjei](#).

Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services

We're excited to host a Good Friday and two Easter services this year at Rivendell! Please consider inviting a friend or family member to one of the following services:

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 7 @ 7-8pm

Easter Sunday, April 9

First Service @ 8:30am (nursery provided)

Second Service @ 10:30am (nursery and Sunday school provided)

Theological Foundations - Begins April 16

You're invited to join Scott Seaton for our Theological Foundations course, using John Frame's *Salvation Belongs To The Lord*. Classes will meet every two weeks. If you are interested in joining, [please email Karen](#) to RSVP.

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.