

WORSHIP SERVICE SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

# REFLECTION

"Work has morphed into a kind of religion, promising identity, transcendence, and community. Call it workism...Some people worship beauty, some worship political identities, and others worship their children. But everybody worships something. And workism is among the most potent of the new religions competing for congregants." ~Derek Thompson (Workism is Making Americans Miserable) TO GOD ALL PRAISE AND GLORY

Sing praise to God who reigns above The God of all creation The God of power the God of love The God of our salvation He fills my soul with sweet relief And makes my faithless murmurs cease

Chorus:

To God all praise and glory To God all praise and glory

The Lord is never far away But through all grief distressing An ever present help and stay Our peace and joy and blessing In my Father's tender care His love eclipses my despair

When life is hard and days are long I'll sing aloud His praises That men may hear the grateful song My joyful spirit raises My heart revived my soul restored My heart rejoices in the Lord

Let all who claim Christ's holy name Give God all praise and glory Let all who lean on the Spirit's strength Declare the wondrous story Cast every idol from its throne For Christ is Lord and Christ alone

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP** 

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

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! People: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him

with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

~Psalm 150

HEART & FLESH (PSALM 84:2) Humbly I come to You now Thirsty for the living water My heart and my flesh cry out More of You

Jesus You are all I want Jesus You are all my soul desires Jesus You are all I need

> Chorus: My heart and my flesh Cry out for You My heart and my flesh Cry out for You

*Bridge*: My heart and my flesh cry out Casey Moore | Leeland Mooring | Taya Gaukrodger CCLI Song #7203276

# NEW CITY CATECHISM

# **Question 2: What is God?**

God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

#### *Question 3: How many persons are there in God?*

There are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

### NEW MEMBER INTRO

Jake Abraham, Julie Abraham, Caroline Barton, Becca Caspero, Matt Caspero, James Cousler, Wendy Cousler, Christian Daniel, Lina Daniel, Gemma DeGioia, Matt DeGioia, Rebeca Gore, Cheryl Jackson, Lonni Jackson, Charles Kwon, Kyu Lee, Lisa Lee, Rick Palma

#### APOSTLE'S CREED

Though not authored by the original apostles, this 2nd century creed summarizes their teachings and is the most widely used profession of the Christian faith.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. The third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### GREETING AND RECESSIONAL

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

# 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.

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. *~Mark 1:35-39, 6:30-31* 

# 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.

BALANCING ACT

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.

BE THOU MY VISION Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart Naught be all\_else to me Save that Thou art Thou my best thought By day or by night Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light Be Thou my wisdom Be Thou my true Word I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord Thou my great Father I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise Thou mine inheritance Now and always Thou and Thou only Be first in my heart High King of heaven My treasure Thou art High King of heaven When vict'ry is won May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart Whatever befall Still be my vision O Ruler of all Greg Thompson | William True Sleeper CCLI Song #30639

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

Lord God, you require us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you. We confess that we have not loved you or our neighbor in this way. Forgive us. Holy Spirit, move us to seek these things through Christ.

#### **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.

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. *~Galatians 4:4-7* 

#### 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.

# THE LION AND THE LAMB

He's coming on the clouds Kings and kingdoms will bow down And every chain will break As broken hearts declare His praise For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus: Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah He's roaring with power And fighting our battles And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb Every knee will bow before Him

> So open up the gates Make way before the King of kings The God who comes to save Is here to set the captives free For who can stop the Lord Almighty

> Who can stop the Lord Almighty Who can stop the Lord (Almighty) Brenton Brown | Brian Johnson | Leeland Mooring CCLI Song #7038281

**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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#### **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. Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

#### Children's Ministry Town Hall - TODAY

Children's Ministry will be hosting a town hall at noon after church in the sanctuary to share what we will be doing this year and hold a Q&A session.

#### Hospitality Ministry Info Session - TODAY

Do you like to bake, mingle on Sundays, or host people? If so, Emmanuel is looking for volunteers to join a hospitality team that will involve bringing baked goods and coffee and greeting people on Sundays, as well as welcoming newcomers to Emmanuel events. An information session will be held after church on Sunday, September 18. If you're interested, please contact <u>Karen</u> Adjei.

#### Intro to Emmanuel - September 25

Are you new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church? If so, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar at Rivendell from 12:30pm-2:00pm. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. <u>Please RSVP to Karen Adjei</u>.

#### Fellowship Month in October

Emmanuel is hosting its annual Fellowship Month in October! This is a great opportunity to get to know other people at Emmanuel in a more fun and intimate setting. Please sign up on the Emmanuel app under "Meet-Ups", <u>contact the office</u>, or sign up at this link.

> ~Korean BBQ Night (October 1)~ ~Pickleball and Picnic (October 8)~ ~Guatemalan Game Afternoon (October 8)~ ~Guatemalan Game Afternoon (October 8)~ ~Dinner and Dominoes (October 8)~ ~D.C. Monument Night Photography (October 8)~ ~Apple Picking Adventure (October 15)~ ~Vinyls and Victuals (October 15)~ ~Indoor Rock Climbing (October 16)~ ~Taco Crawl (tentatively October 20)~ ~Pumpkin Patch Outing (October 21)~ ~Women's Weekend Breakfast (October 22)~ ~Fall Baking Session (October 29)~

Stop by the church lobby table after service to learn more and sign up!

**Biblical Foundations Class - Starting October 2** The Biblical Foundations Class will begin October 2 for four weeks, helping us to understand the Bible and its unifying themes that point us to Jesus. Content is adapted from the BibleProject, which is a ministry that desires to make the biblical story accessible to everyone everywhere. If interested, please email the office.

# **Conversational Spanish Classes - October 2**

Starting October 2 after service, Luis Munoz will be teaching an 8-week class for those wanting to learn conversational Spanish. This will be a great way to build stronger bridges between English and Spanish speakers at our church. If interested, send an email or sign up here.

### Sri Lankan Cooking Class - October 23

Lily Soosai will host a cooking class featuring Central & Western Sri Lankan food! Sponsored by Arlington Bridge Builders, ABB is fundraising for their ministry, and is asking \$30 per adult and \$15 per child (under 8 is free) if you're able to donate. To sign up, <u>please contact Kristine Leiphart</u>. You can make <u>fundraising donations at this link</u>.

Help With Food Pantry Deliveries Arlington Bridge Builders is looking for volunteers to serve as food pantry delivery drivers on Saturdays throughout the summer to neighbors in need. ABB meets at 11:30am and the deliveries usually take less than an hour. If you're interested in serving, please sign up at this link.

#### September Mercy Offering - International Justice Mission

In lieu of our mercy offering collection, we are asking people to sign up to be an IJM Freedom Partner! Your monthly financial support will help fight the violent oppression of the poor and will also give you access to IJM's prayer reports and updates.

#### **COVID Precautions**

As a friendly reminder, in compliance with the CDC's and Arlington County's guidelines for COVID protocols, masks are optional during service.

**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 (5545 Langston Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22207).

#### Parking at Rivendell

Please remember not to park in front of a residence when parking at Rivendell. Parking is available surrounding the Lee Community Center and park as well as the Little Ambassadors Academy parking lot.