



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

"It's impossible to meet the real Jesus and leave indifferent."
~Tim Keller

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus:

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa
CCLI Song #7065053

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Leader: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles..

People: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

~Psalm 34:8, 17-18

NOTHING TO FEAR

When you pass through the waters
I will be with you
And the depths of the rivers
Shall not overwhelm
When you walk through the fire
You will not be burned
I am the Lord I am the Lord

Chorus:

And there is nothing to fear nothing to fear
There is nothing to fear nothing to fear
For I am with you always

In the depths of your sorrow
I wept beside you
When you walked through the shadow
I drew you near
Yesterday today tomorrow
Always the same
I am the Lord I am the Lord

Bridge:

What can separate you from my perfect love

Do not fear
Do not fear
Do not fear

Audrey Assad | Isaac Wardell | Paul Zach
CCLI Song #7133723

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

People: ⁹**Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

Leader: ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

People: ¹¹**Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Leader: ¹²Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

People: ¹³**Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way**

~Psalm 85:8-13

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.

'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer'

~Romans 12:12

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 WHAT, THE SO WHAT AND THE NOW WHAT

CARLOS DIMAS

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.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

Chorus:

It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul

My sin O the bliss
Of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul

And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul

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CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us your peace.

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.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹²It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

~Titus 2:11-13

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.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

CCLI Song #3350395

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".

Apartment Life Bingo - August 18

Apartment Life is looking for 4 volunteers for their Back to School Bingo Night! They need 1 photographer, 2 people to run the prize table, and 1 person to pass out food. The event is Friday, August 18 and they need help from 5:30-7:15pm. [Please email](#) if you are willing and able!

Congregational Luncheon - August 20

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

RILA Legal Aid Clinic - August 23

Emmanuel is hosting dinner (6-7:30pm) at RILA's August 23 legal aid clinic! If you'd like to bring a dish and/or serve the meal, [email Mel Chang](#).

Arlington Bridge Builders Backpack Drive - August 26

Arlington Bridge Builders is hosting a backpack drive at Greenbrier Church from 10am-2pm to help local families with back-to-school needs! We encourage everyone at Emmanuel to donate \$30 for one backpack, and to volunteer at a booth with games and food on the day of the event. Look for the school bus sign in the church lobby in August for an opportunity to give, and [please contact Carlos Dimas](#) if you would like more information or would like to volunteer.

Children's Ministry Songs and S'mores Night – August 27

Emmanuel families are invited to an evening of singing and s'mores on August 27, from 6-7pm at Rivendell's courtyard. [Please RSVP by August 23 at this link](#).

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!