

## 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  
CCLI Song #3383788

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

**People: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;**

Leader: my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!**

~Psalm 84:1-2, 4

## WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

Flesh will fail and bones will break  
Thieves will steal the earth will shake  
Night will fall light will fade  
The Lord will give and take away

Put no trust in the earth  
In the sod you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust  
The Lord will make a place for us

### *Chorus:*

Because of His great Love we are not overcome  
Because of His great Love we are not overcome

Have no fear for your life  
Turn your cheek turn your cheek  
Bear the yoke love and death  
The Lord will give all life and breath

Isaac Wardell | Robert Heiskell  
CCLI Song #7023232

## NEW CITY CATECHISM

### **Question 51: Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?**

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

### **Question 52: What hope does everlasting life hold for us?**

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### GREETING

### DOXOLOGY

### 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>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

~Acts 2:42-47

### 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.*

ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER

REV. SCOTT SEATON  
AND REV. YOUNG LEE

### OFFERING

#### LORD I NEED YOU

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

#### *Chorus:*

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

#### *Bridge:*

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Christy Nockels | Daniel Carson | Jesse Reeves | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher  
CCLI Song #5925687

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

God, You ask for our courage to protect the powerless but we prefer to remain safe, preserving ourselves for future challenges. You ask us to speak out for justice but we whisper, in case we are heard. Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to follow You, only when it is convenient to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, only with those who make it easy to do so. God forgive us and renew us. Amen.

*~A prayer from Kairos South Africa*

## 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.*

"Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands."

*~Isaiah 49:15-16*

## 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.*

### 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  
My victory 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

Billy J. Foote | Eleanor Henrietta Hull | Mary Elizabeth Byrne

## 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*

*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".

### 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.

### COVID Precautions

As a friendly reminder, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask. Unvaccinated children older than 3 years old are also encouraged to wear a mask. And for those who would like greater social distancing precautions, the balcony is available to use during service, where wearing a mask is required.

### Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA) Volunteer Opportunity

Are you fluent in Spanish? Or good at taking notes? Consider volunteering for Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA)! We are looking for note takers and interpreters as we meet with asylum-seekers on Wednesday nights. Please [contact Mel Chang](#) for more information.

### Youth Mentor Opportunity

We are looking for 1-2 youth mentors to be a part of the youth ministry at Emmanuel. If you are interested in ministering to students at a crucial moment in their story, please [contact Stephen Bates](#).

### Youth Group Kickoff - Today

Emmanuel will kickoff its Youth Group Ministry for the upcoming year! Please stop by directly after service, during the congregational meeting up to 1pm.

### Young Couples Taco Crawl - This Tuesday

Arlington Bridge Builders is hosting a taco crawl for young couples at Emmanuel at La Chiquita Tacos & Tortas on Tuesday evening at 7pm. The cost is \$20 per person. Please [contact Carlos Dimas](#) if you would like to attend.

### Emmanuel's Fellowship Weekend - September 17-19

Emmanuel is hosting its annual Fellowship Weekend on September 17-19! 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" or [at this link](#). You can also [contact the office](#). This year's events include:

- ~Wine & Cheese Night (Friday, women)~
- ~Korean BBQ Night (Friday, men)~
- ~Coffee, Tea & Dessert Gathering (Saturday, women)~
- ~Best Ball Golf (Saturday, men)~
- ~Get To Know You Game Night (Saturday, coed)~
- ~Phone Photography Class (Sunday, coed)~
- ~Hike & Picnic (Sunday, women)~
- ~Coloring Cafe (Sunday, women)~

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

### Freedom Sunday - Next Sunday

Sunday, September 19 is Freedom Sunday. Miguel Lau will be sharing about International Justice Mission's (IJM) work, and we will focus on remembering and praying for the victims of violent oppression and slavery.

### Loving Our Muslim Neighbors Class - October 3

This class, led by partners of Emmanuel who work in North Africa, will equip us to lovingly engage our Muslim neighbors and answer their common questions about Christianity. It will be held on October 3 and 10 after service. Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of lunch. If interested, [contact the office](#).

### Conversational Spanish Classes - October 3

Starting October 3 after service, Luis Munoz will be teaching a 6-week class for those wanting to learn conversational Spanish. Luis attends Emmanuel and was a retired professor of International Law in Ecuador. This will be a great way to build stronger bridges between English and Spanish speakers at our church. For more information or if interested in attending, please contact [Young Lee](#).

### Monday Night Prayer Meeting

Join us on Mondays from 7:30-8pm for our weekly prayer meetings! This week we will be praying over the ongoing pandemic.

### 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 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207).