



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

"Each of the [books of the Bible] is like a garden which grows one special kind of fruit; by contrast, the Psalter is a garden which, beside its special fruit, grows also some of those of all the rest.. For I think that in the words of the Psalms all human life is covered with all its states and thoughts and that nothing further can be found in man."

~St. Athanasius in a letter to a young student

WHO YOU SAY I AM

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus:

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus:

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge:

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

People: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted."

Leader: "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

People: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

~Isaiah 12:3-4

MADE ME GLAD

I will bless the Lord forever
And I will trust Him at all times
He has delivered me from all fear
And He has set my feet upon a rock

And I will not be moved
And I'll say of the Lord

Chorus:

You are my shield, my strength
My portion, Deliverer
My shelter, strong tower
My very present help

Whom have I in heaven but You
There's none I desire beside You
For You have made me glad
And I'll say of the Lord

Miriam Webster
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SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,

Leader: on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

People: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

Leader: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

~Psalm 133

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.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ²My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. ³Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! ⁴I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. ⁶This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. ⁸Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! ⁹Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! ¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. ¹¹Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. ¹²What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. ¹⁶The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. ²⁰He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. ²¹Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. ²²The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

~Psalm 34

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.

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REV. STEPHEN BATES

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.

A EL ALTO Y SUBLIME
TO THE ONE WHO IS EXALTED

A el Alto y Sublime
Que habita la eternidad
Y su nombre es el Santo de Israel

*To the One who is exalted
And who lives forever more
To the High and Holy One of Israel*

Al que habita en las alturas y en la Santidad
Y con el quebrantado y humilde de espíritu
Para hacer vivir, el espíritu humilde
Y para vivificar, el corazón quebrantado

*Though you dwell above the heavens
You reach out with love and grace,
To the penitent and humble in spirit
You restore and revive,
The hurting and the humble
You give life, and hope and joy
To lone and broken hearted.*

Sea la Gloria, Honor,
Alabanza y poder
Al que reina, por los siglos
Y su Nombre Santo es

*All the Glory, and the honor
All the power and all praise,
To the One who, reigns forever,
Holy is Your Name*

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

~Book of Common Worship

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.

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

~Ephesians 5:14-18

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.

LIVING HOPE

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus:

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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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".

Congregational Luncheon - TODAY

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

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](#).

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!