

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: Give to him glorious praise

Leader: All the earth worships you

People: They sing praises to you, sing praises to your name

~**Psalm 66:1-2, 4.**

BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus:

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge:

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Brett Younker | Karl Martin | Kirby Kaple | Matt Redman | Pat Barrett

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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.

³¹ "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ~ *Matthew 5:31-32*

³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" ⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?" ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." ⁷ They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" ⁸ He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery." ~ *Matthew 19:3-9*

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.

THE COVENANT OF MARRIAGE

REV. SCOTT SEATON

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer; There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom; My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus; For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine; Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken; For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing; For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me; Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome; Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven; The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon; And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free; Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus; For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me; Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus; All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat; Yet not I but through Christ in me

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat; Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Blessed Jesus, we confess our hearts and minds are hurried and anxious. We have sinned in ways we can put words to and sinned others that remain unspoken. Give us stillness of soul in You. Let your mighty calm reign in us. Rule us, O King of Gentleness, O King of Peace. Amen. ~Adapted from John of the Cross

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.

Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. ~Isaiah 62:11-12

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.

JESUS I AM RESTING, RESTING

Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole

Chorus:

Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Oh how great Thy loving kindness
Vaster broader than the sea
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus
I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love so pure so changeless
Satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets supplies its ev'ry need
Compasseth me 'round with blessings
Thine is love indeed

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus
Earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory
Sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting resting
Fill me with Thy grace

David Hampton | Jean Sophia Pigott

BENEDICTION

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

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 (instructions on downloading the app can be found below). Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

Drop-In Communion

We will offer drop-in communion today in the courtyard outside of Rivendell (2410 N. Kensington St. Arlington, VA 22207) from 1-2pm.

Sparks Meeting - 2/21 at 4:30PM

All 3rd-5th graders are invited to join a virtual Sparks meeting on February 21st at 4:30pm. Angela will send out zoom details soon.

February Mercy Offering - Pastor Ayub's Ministry in Bangladesh

This month's Mercy Offering will go to support Pastor Ayub's ministry in Bangladesh. Please consider donating to this great ministry! You can give by selecting "February Mercy Offering - Ayub" as the category on the Emmanuel App or at www.emmanuelarlington.org/give.

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 (1408 N Fillmore St. #16, Arlington, VA 22201).