

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.

¹ "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. "I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ⁴ Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' ~Revelation 3:1-6

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.

DEAR CHURCH: SARDIS

REV. SCOTT SEATON

THE WONDERFUL CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus:

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Chris Tomlin | Isaac Watts | J. D. Walt | Jesse Reeves | Lowell Mason

HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)

Praise is rising; Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You; Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You; We long for You

Pre-Chorus:

'Cause when we see You; We find strength to face the day
In Your presence; All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

Chorus:

Hosanna hosanna; You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises; Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us; We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of; Hearts returning to You
We turn to You; In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new; You make us new

Brenton Brown | Paul Baloche

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory?

Leader: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

People: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is he, this King of glory?

People: The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

~ Psalm 24:9-11

GLORIOUS DAY (LIVING HE LOVED ME)

One day when heaven was filled with His praises; One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin; Dwelt among men my example is He
The Word became flesh; And the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Chorus:

Living He loved me dying He saved me; Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever; One day He's coming
O glorious day (glorious day)

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain; One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish despised and rejected; Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hand that healed nations; Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer; One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose over death He had conquered; Now is ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him; The grave could not keep Him
From rising again

Bridge:

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming; One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing; My Savior Jesus is mine

John Wilbur Chapman | Mark Hall | Michael Bleecker

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. But we have often presided as harsh judges over the lives of others. We have been quick to place blame on anything or anyone but ourselves. We have avoided obligations to care for or to help people in need. Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

"For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." ~ *Psalms 32:3-5*

COMMUNION

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

O Light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from Thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

Brown Bannister | George Matheson | John Hobbs | Vince Gill

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

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

Drop-In Outdoor Communion

Going forward, we will be providing communion at two outdoor locations instead of three. Today, we will be at **GMU's courtyard and Southside Park (1301 Southside Park, Vienna, VA 22180 - Southside park has two park entrances. We will be at Ross Dr entrance not the Ware St entrance.)**. You can drop-in and partake of communion any time between 1:00pm - 2:00pm. Please be sure to wear a mask and to maintain social distancing.

Children's Ministry Back-to-School Get Together

Children's Ministry Back-to-School get together will take place Saturday, August 22, from 1:00-3:00PM, where your family can stop by to say "hi," grab some treats, and pick up a bag of Sunday School supplies and other fun treats. Please email Angela (ana@emmanuelarlington.org) for more details.

RILA Virtual Training - August 27th

RILA (Restoration Immigration Legal Aid) is hosting a virtual training on Thursday, Aug. 27 (7:30-9:30P) for attorneys interested in volunteering to write asylum briefs or take cases to trial. Email mel@restorationimmigration.org if you are interested in attending.

Birth Announcement

Kurt and Lisa Johnson welcomed their daughter Birgitta Kristine Anna on August 6th. Please check the Facebook group & Friday email for the link to sign up to provide a meal for the family.

RILA Grocery Bag Donations

We're still looking for more people who can provide a bag of groceries for Restoration Immigration Legal Aid's clients and drop it off at Mel Chang's house on August 23rd or at Restoration Anglican August 24th. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094ba8ad2ca1ff2-grocery>.

August Mercy Offering

Throughout the month of July, we will collect a Mercy Offering for the Sarrans, who are church planting in Lyon, France. You can give by selecting "August Mercy Offering - Sarrans" as the category on the Emmanuel App or at www.emmanuelarlington.org/give.

Calls with IJM Field Offices

International Justice Mission will be hosting calls with several field offices during the month of August. These calls will give an opportunity to get a more intimate look at the work of the office as well as getting to hear from one of their incredible field staff. If interested, please email Young Lee (ylee@emmanuelarlington.org) with the call(s) you would like to be a part of in order to receive the link. The calls are scheduled for:

- Guatemala & Dominican Republic - Aug. 19, 3:00 pm EST
- India- Forced Labor Slavery and Sex Trafficking - Aug. 26, 12:00 pm EST

Facebook Devotional

Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays for our Facebook devotionals led by staff members. Join us live at www.facebook.com/groups/emmanuelarlington/ or listen to the recording later.

Watch All Services Online

Did you miss last week's service? Don't worry! You can still watch it on our YouTube Channel.

Food Pantry Distribution

Arlington Bridge Builders is looking for volunteers to help distribute food pantry items and pray for members of the community. If you are interested in helping, you can sign up at [this link](#).

Arlington Bridge Builders Food Pantry

Arlington Bridge Builders (ABB) has created a Pandemic Response Team. Help by dropping off **perishable food** at Community Church of God (790 S. Carlin Springs, Wed-Fri, 10:00-5:00). Or donate tax-deductible funds which will help supply the pantry, pay rent, utilities, etc to vetted needy families. Visit our website and click "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).

Emmanuel's App is a great way to connect with the church, volunteer for ministries, support the church financially and access resources for spiritual growth. Download the app by searching "Emmanuel Presbyterian Church" on the iTunes store, Amazon Appstore, or Google Play, or by aiming your smartphone's camera at the QR code.

