



EMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE  
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REFLECTION

"Easier is it to know what ought to be done than it is to do it."  
~Nelson Mandela

TO GOD ALL PRAISE AND GLORY  
Sing praise to God who reigns above  
The God of all creation  
The God of power the God of love  
The God of our salvation  
He fills my soul with sweet relief  
And makes my faithless murmurs cease

*Chorus 1*

To God all praise and glory  
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The Lord is never far away  
But through all grief distressing  
An ever present help and stay  
Our peace and joy and blessing  
In my Father's tender care  
His love eclipses my despair

When life is hard and days are long  
I'll sing aloud His praises  
That men may hear the grateful song  
My joyful spirit raises  
My heart revived my soul restored  
My heart rejoices in the Lord

Let all who claim Christ's holy name  
Give God all praise and glory  
Let all who lean on the Spirit's strength  
Declare the wondrous story  
Cast every idol from its throne  
For Christ is Lord and Christ alone

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**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

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

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**People: "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"**

Leader: Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

**People: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.**

~Romans 11:33-36

**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

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

Leader: *For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. A song. May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.*

**People: May you blow them away like smoke — as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God. But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.**

Leader: Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

**People: God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. When you, God, went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,**

Leader: the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

**People: Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.**

~Psalm 68:1-10

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION BLESSING

Desteny Castillo, Madison Lee, Jane Patterson

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*

<sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. <sup>14</sup>For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

~Romans 7:13-25

## 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 FIGHT

REV. SCOTT SEATON

## 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.*

### THY MERCY MY GOD

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine

Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine  
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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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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.*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.*

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

*~Book of Common Prayer*

### 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.*

#### AMAZING GRACE (ALWAYS)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

*Hook*

Always, been your grace  
Always, been your grace

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been here ten thousand years  
Bright, shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun

*Hook x 2*

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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".

### **Books of the Bible Class - TODAY - Numbers - 2nd Floor Art Room**

Using The BibleProject, we will provide an overview of each book of the Bible and how they fit in the Gospel narrative. These 45 minute classes, starting at 12:15pm, will meet every other Sunday. Childcare and lunch will not be provided.

### **Ushering**

Our small groups take turns ushering (offering, communion) during Sunday service. When it's your group's turn to usher, please sign up when you receive the email from our church office.

### **Session Retreat Prayer Requests**

On June 1, the Session (pastors and elders) will be going on their annual retreat in order to plan for the upcoming ministry year and spend time in prayer. You can submit a prayer request by emailing Young Lee directly at [ylee@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:ylee@emmanuelarlington.org), in the app or Friday email, or by filling out a prayer request card in the foyer and placing it in the offering box. All prayer requests are confidential. Prayer requests will be received until May 30.

### **Men's Fellowship Lunch - June 4**

On June 4, all the men of Emmanuel are invited for a time of food and fellowship after service at Rivendell.

### **Apartment Life Bagel Breakfast Bar - June 10**

Please join Apartment Life at Ballston Park Apartments for their bagel breakfast bar, from 11am-12pm! Volunteers are needed to help setup and serve food, as well as bringing some toasters. If interested, please email Apartment Life at: [BallstonPark@apartmentlife.org](mailto:BallstonPark@apartmentlife.org). Please meet at this address: 351 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22203.

### **Intro to Emmanuel - June 11**

If you are new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar from 12:30pm-2:00pm, with childcare provided. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. Please RSVP to Karen Adjei at [kadjei@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:kadjei@emmanuelarlington.org).

### **Apartment Life Tie Dye Extravaganza - June 21**

Please join Apartment Life at Ballston Park Apartments for their tie dye extravaganza, from 5-6pm! Volunteers are needed to help run stations. And please bring your own t-shirt to join the fun! If interested, please email Apartment Life at: [BallstonPark@apartmentlife.org](mailto:BallstonPark@apartmentlife.org). Please meet at this address: 351 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22203.