

RISING SUN

Praise him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise him all you children of God

We lift high his glory
Shown throughout our stories
We praise him as the children of God

Chorus:

Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning you shine forever
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Your Name is higher than the rising sun

Praise his Name forever
Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise him all you children of God

Bridge:

Hallelujah name above all
Simply to speak your Name is praise
Hallelujah now and always
Forever we lift your Name in praise
Hallelujah our God you reign
Simply to speak your Name is praise
David Leonard | Kyle Lee | Leslie Jordan | Paul Mabury

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Hallelujah! Servants of God, praise, praise the name of the Lord.

People: Bless the Lord's name now and always.

Leader: Praise the Lord's name here and in every place from east to west.

People: Hallelujah! Praise! Praise God in the temple, in the highest heavens!

Leader: Praise! Praise God's mighty deeds and noble majesty.

People: All that is alive, praise! Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

~Psalm 113:1-3; 150:1-2, 6

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus; Just to take him at his word
Just to rest upon his promise; Just to know thus saith the Lord

Chorus:

Jesus Jesus how I trust him; How I've proved him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus; O for grace to trust Him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus; Just to trust his cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me; 'Neath the healing cleansing flood

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus; Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking; Life and rest and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee; Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that thou art with me; Wilt be with me to the end

Louisa M. R. Stead | William James Kirkpatrick

CENTER

Chorus:

Oh Christ be the center of our lives
Be the place we fix our eyes
Be the center of our lives

And you're the center of the universe
Ev'rything was made in you, Jesus
Breath of every living thing
Everyone was made for you

You hold everything together
You hold everything together

Bridge:

We lift our eyes to heaven
And we wrap our lives around your life
We lift our eyes to heaven to you

And turn your eyes upon Jesus
And look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace

Charlie Hall | 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.

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." *~Mark 1:1-8*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, quiet our hearts that we may know and hear you today. Where our hearts are hard, soften them; where they are broken, bind them up; where we are anxious, give us peace; where we doubt, give us trust. For you alone are the One who is making all things new, even us today. 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.

WE BELIEVE: JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

REV. SCOTT SEATON

THIS I BELIEVE (THE CREED)

Our Father everlasting, the all creating One; God Almighty
Through your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son; Jesus our Saviour

Chorus 1:

I believe in God our Father; I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit; Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again; For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender, suffered and crucified; Forgiveness is in you
Descended into darkness, you rose in glorious life; Forever seated high

Bridge:

I believe in you; I believe you rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

Chorus 2:

I believe in life eternal; I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion; And in your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection; When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Ben Fielding | Matt Crocker

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand! Lord, have mercy upon us. Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother, and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you! Christ, have mercy upon us. Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts! Lord, have mercy upon us. 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.

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." ~1 Peter 2:24

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My hope is built on nothing less; Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame; But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Coro:

En Jesús fuerte soy; Solo Él mi Roca es
Sobre la tempestad; Él es Rey

When darkness seems to hide his face; I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale; My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Interlude:

He is Lord, Lord of all

When he shall come with trumpet sound; Oh may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone; Faultless stand before the throne

Edward Mote | Eric Lijero | Jonas Myrin | Reuben Morgan | William Batchelder Bradbury

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".

Opportunities to Serve Those in Need

1) We are putting together bags of groceries for Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA). These will be distributed to clients who are immigrants seeking asylum -- most do not qualify for public assistance and are in tenuous employment situations. Sign up (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094BA8AD2CA1FF2-ri1a1>) for a non-perishable item and drop them off on Mel Chang's front steps between May 15-17.

2) 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".

Race Discussion - May 4th

Join us on May 4th at 8:00pm for a discussion on race and faith particularly focused on issues that have arisen during the COVID-19 pandemic. A Zoom link will be sent out the day of the event.

Sunday Worship Live Streams

We will continue to live stream our services at 10:30am until it is safe to meet in large gatherings and GMU reopens. Monitor your email and our website for further updates. We also encourage you to "subscribe" to Emmanuel's YouTube channel. Having a certain number of subscribers will provide us the option to add a direct link on our website.

Daily Facebook Live Devotional at Noon

Every day at 12:00, a staff member will give a short devotional to spiritually encourage us for that day. Join us live at www.facebook.com/groups/emmanuelarlington/ or listen to the recording later.

Hang Out with the Pastors

Every Friday at 11:00, a pastor will host a Zoom hang out with the children of Emmanuel. It's a great time to ask spiritual questions or just to virtually catch up with friends. A Zoom link will be sent out to our Children's Ministry families.

Children's Ministry Resources

Children's Church lessons are available on the Emmanuel app, and Children's Church preschool videos are available on Emmanuel's youtube channel. In addition, weekly children's virtual discussion will be held on Sunday afternoons. Please email Angela or Lisa for more information or to be added to our email list.

Weekly Game Night

Join us on Fridays at 7pm for a virtual game night with your Emmanuel family! Watch for a weekly email with the Zoom link.

Virtual Prayer Meeting

Join us every Wednesday night at 8:30 pm as we unite together in prayer for our community and congregation. Watch for a weekly email with the Zoom link.

Prayer

If you would like prayer, especially during these unsettling times, then submit a prayer request through our app. Click "Prayer" at the bottom of the home page.

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.

