

GOD OF WONDERS

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus 1:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night

Bridge:

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
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You are holy

Chorus 2:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me, Father hold me hold me
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy holy holy holy

Chorus 3:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me, Father hold me hold me

Marc Byrd | Steve Hindalong

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

People: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

~Based on Psalm 108:1-4

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)

Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways, How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone

Chorus 1:

I will wait for You I will wait for You, On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You, Till my soul is satisfied

So put Your hope in God alone, Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won, By Christ emerging from the grave

His steadfast love has made a way, And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today, Find healing in His sacrifice

Chorus 2:

I will wait for You I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight

Jordan Kauffman | Keith Getty | Matthew Merker | Stuart Townend

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Question 41: What is the Lord's Prayer?

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Question 42: How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING

DOXOLOGY

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.

¹I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; ²he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; ³surely against me he turns his hand again and again the whole day long. ⁴He has made my flesh and my skin waste away; he has broken my bones; ⁵he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; ⁶he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. ⁷He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has made my chains heavy; ⁸though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer; ⁹he has blocked my ways with blocks of stones; he has made my paths crooked. ¹⁰He is a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in hiding; ¹¹he turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces; he has made me desolate; ¹²he bent his bow and set me as a target for his arrow. ¹³He drove into my kidneys the arrows of his quiver; ¹⁴I have become the laughingstock of all peoples, the object of their taunts all day long. ¹⁵He has filled me with bitterness; he has sated me with wormwood. ¹⁶He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes; ¹⁷my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; ¹⁸so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the Lord." ¹⁹Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! ²⁰My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. ²¹But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him. ²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

~Lamentations 3:1-26

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through 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.

IS THIS FAITHFULNESS?

REV. STEPHEN BATES

OFFERING

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL (IT IS WELL)

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot thou hast taught me
To say it is well it is well
With my soul

Chorus:

It is well with my soul
It is well it is well
With my soul

My sin O the bliss of this
Glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
O my soul

And the Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul

Deborah Criser | Horatio Gates Spafford

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

"Like a bird alone in the desert
Or an owl in a ruined house,
I lie awake and I groan.
Ashes are the bread that I eat,
I mingle tears with my drink.

From the depths we cry to you, O Lord,
Give heed to our lament!

Why do you turn away?
Why do you hide your face?
We wait for you, our souls wait."

~Lament based on Psalm 102, 130

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 saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

~1 Timothy 1:15-16

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.

LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

Your glorious cause O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

Chorus:

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath

Bob Kauflin

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

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. Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

Parking at Rivendell

Please remember not to park in front of a residence when parking at Rivendell. Parking is available surrounding the Lee Community Center and park and the Little Ambassadors Academy parking lot.

COVID Precautions

As a friendly reminder, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask. Unvaccinated children older than 3 years old are also encouraged to wear a mask. And for those who would like greater social distancing precautions, the balcony is available to use during service, where wearing a mask is required.

Youth Group Meeting - August 8th

Emmanuel's Youth Group (6th-12th graders) will meet again today from 12:30-2:00pm. [Contact Stephen Bates](#) if you have any questions.

Drop-In Communion - August 8th

We will offer drop-in communion in the courtyard outside of Rivendell (2410 N. Kensington St. Arlington, VA 22207) from 1-1:30pm.

Volunteer with Emmanuel ESL

Come join the Emmanuel team to teach English as a Second Language (ESL)! We are looking for two motivated volunteers to assist with ESL classes that occur right after service at Rivendell. Students learn conversational English to become more familiar with speaking on various topics and to have easier phone conversations. Interested or have questions? [Contact Judy Kauer](#) or [Kristine Leiphart](#).

Arlington Bridge Builders Backpack Drive - August 28th

Arlington Bridge Builders is hosting a backpack drive at Greenbrier Church from 10am-12pm 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 over the next three Sundays for an opportunity to give, and [please contact Carlos Dimas](#) if you would like more information or would like to volunteer.

Children's Ministry Assistant Position

Emmanuel is hiring for the part-time position of Children's Ministry Assistant to help in various roles, including coordinating nursery and helping on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, [please reach out to Angela](#) for more information.

Deacon's Fund

For July and August, we will not have a designated mercy offering. Instead, please consider giving to the Deacon's Fund, which helps with counseling costs and mercy needs within the congregation. When writing a check or giving online, please specify designation going to the Deacon's Fund.

Help with Communion & Offering

Emmanuel has reintroduced worship elements that were paused because of COVID, including passing out communion trays, in person offering collection, and greeting time. Thus, we will need 4 ushers every Sunday to help pass out communion and offering. Ushering will also entail preparing communion and helping to count the offering. There are no other setup or cleanup tasks nor any restrictions on who can usher. If you are willing to volunteer, [please sign up at this link](#).

Monday Night Prayer Meeting

Join us on Mondays from 7:30-8pm for our weekly prayer meetings. This week we will be praying over the spiritual practice of lament.

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 (5545 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207).