

Sunday Morning Worship
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
October 6, 2024

Gathering Music “*For Love is All in All*” [One License]
“*Meditation on ‘St. Columba’*” [One License]
“*Sweet By and By*” [One License]

Welcome and Announcements Liturgist: Judy Long

Prelude “Commemoration” [One License]

Introit “One World, One Communion” [One License]

Call to Worship Liturgist

The Holy One dwells within and beyond the congregation and makes a home among us.

Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

The glory of the Sovereign One abides with us, illuminating our journey, energizing our gathering, and warming our spirits.

Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

Bless the Name of Names, the God of Truth, and the Giver of Life with songs of praise, prayers of hope, and moments of connection.

Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.

Opening Prayer Liturgist

Holy God, your realm encompasses the universe, the earth, and our community. All creation declares your glory. May we unite with our kin around the world in celebrating you and the connections we share. As we gather in your name, may we remember those we join in faith, hope, and worship on every continent representing every tradition. May we declare in spirit and in truth...one bread, one body...the church striving to one as you, Sustainer, Redeemer, and Spirit are one. Amen.

**Hymn* # 619 “Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven” [One License]

Call to Confession Liturgist

All of us fall short of the glory of God. As we go about our lives, that glory is diminished but not absent. In making our confession, we remove the dull sheen

of what is wrong and allow the glory to shine through God's grace. Let us tell the truth of our need of God.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

Holy One, we come to this gathering—the table and your presence—remembering this day particularly celebrates our human connectedness. And yet, the reality of our world lies far from your idea and your vision of beloved community. You call us to remember the poor, the marginalized, the immigrant, the isolated and abandoned. You command us to love our neighbor and have blessed us to live in an era in which we may know our neighbors from across the world to amazing degrees. Yet, we cling to our echo chambers and isolationist tendencies. We place our desires and comforts over the good of the world. We demonize difference rather than dignify diversity. Forgive us and have mercy on us while propelling us to new life. Extend your grace to transform our attitude and actions and infuse us with openness, curiosity, and love.

Time of Silent Confession

Words of Affirmation

Liturgist

Beloved, God's grace and power are always calling us to a transformed life. We are not in this alone, we do not accomplish this alone. Believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Sharing the Peace

Liturgist

The peace of Christ be with you,
And also with you.

Anthem "Hymn of Promise"

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Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Gracious God, open our hearts and our lives to hearing your Word proclaimed to this time, this place. May we be not only hearers of that Word, but also doers. Through Christ, Amen.

First Reading

Liturgist

Genesis 4:1-7

Second Reading

Rev. Eileen Parfrey

Genesis 4:8-15

Sermon “Brother’s Keeper, Part 1” Rev. Eileen Parfrey

**Hymn # 27* “Sacred the Body”

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Praying for One Another

Liturgist

Lord of Love,

Hear our Prayer.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Guest Preacher

Faith communities around the Earth gather this day to observe World Communion Sunday. Every language and tongue, every tribe and nation, every continent and hemisphere represented as the Body of Christ accepts the invitation to unity around a meal prepared by the One who entered a body, taking on the brokenness of the world. Let us join together in the name of Jesus the Christ to commune as one.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Guest Preacher

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Gracious God, you are holy, and you make us holy. We declare glory and honor to your precious name. Like generations before us and the heavenly chorus beyond us, we cry, Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. All realms are filled with your glory. Redeem us, restore us, renew us. Blessed by your Holy Name.

We join in remembrance of your incarnation. Your humble beginnings affirm that the strength of God is perfected in weakness. The years of obscurity left unrecorded and unknown to us remind us that good things benefit from preparation and patience. The record of your baptism reminds us of our own baptism as we entered the waters of life and community with you. Recalling your ministry encourages us to engage in the work of healing, teaching, and presence. Revisiting your passion challenges us to expand our capacity to love

generously, sacrificially, and relentlessly. Remembering our brother and Teacher, the Incarnate One, we pray as he taught us, saying . . .

The Lord's Prayer

Guest Preacher

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Guest Preacher

Prayer after Communion

Guest Preacher

Communal God, we give you thanks that as you shared in life and death, you lead us into the resurrected life. At this table, we acknowledge your abiding presence among us. You offered us bread and cup, which we receive in remembrance and expectation of your movement in human history. Form us as your faithful community and shape us as servants and stewards of your realm. By your Holy Spirit, may your covenant reign within our hearts and manifest in the witness of our lives now and forever. Amen.

**Hymn # 498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words were Spoken"*

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Charge and Benediction

Guest Preacher

Postlude "Recessional"

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