

Emmanubells: **How Can I Keep from Singing?** by Robert Lawry
arr. by Cathy Moglebust

Responsive Welcome

Welcome

Welcome to this sacred place of belonging where we embrace the sacredness of life and recognize the dignity of each person, spirit-filled with the image of God, the Mystery in whom we live and move and have our being.

Welcome to all who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts. Welcome to visitors and to new and old friends.

Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, siblings, youth, couples and single people.

Welcome to people of all colours, cultures, abilities, gender identities, and sexual orientations, to old and young, to believers and questioners – and welcome to questioning believers.

This day, we are all invited to live into God's love, peace and justice. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn:

Dance with the Spirit

MV 156

Call to Worship:

Here we are again.

Brought together in this wondrous community to find true life within it.

Here, we will sing again.

Sing of joy and sorrow, praise and imperfection all held together in Divine Love.

Here, we will listen again.

Listen to stories ancient and emerging and discover truths written deep in our hearts.

Here, we will live again.

Live as people of great shalom persistent in love, compassion and justice.

May it be so.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

**In the silence of this moment
may we give full attention to the law of love
whose ways are always before us.**

**May we not turn away when love's demand is great but be
persistent,**

**for the way of God's love
is sweeter than honey in our mouths.**

**We pause now to focus on the heartbeat within us,
the pulse of the sacred teachings which we love.**

(silent reflection)

Amen.

(Children come forward while the song is played)

Hymn: *Circle Song*

Come and join the circle, come and take my hand.

Come and join the circle, come and be my friend.

Gather round and see, what the world can be.

Come and join the circle, come and share God's word with me.

Children's Message:

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Video: *Our God is a Great Big God*

https://youtu.be/cI5wuncH_NI%29

(Children leave for Sunday School)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

Luke 18:1-8

Anthem: *There is a Longing*

by Anne Quigley

Please join in singing the refrain:

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,

For you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love

We only find in you, our God.

Message: **Prayer Persistence**

Quiet Reflection and Prayer:

Solo:

Hymn: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

VU 559

Offertory Invitation:

As those equipped for every good work, in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, let us give out of the fullness of what we have been given, that through us God might carry out this ministry fully.

Offertory Prayer:

Creator God, as we become mindful of our desire for justice, may we become the justice we desire. May we be guided in the way of your Divine justice, living the law of love, upholding the dignity of others, ourselves and all of creation. May your justice prevail in every part of our lives. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father/Mother, who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
may your kingdom come,
may your will be done,**

on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: *Go, Make a Difference* **MV 209**

Commissioning:

As we depart from this place of worship,
we will listen more carefully to those who use their voices to speak
of God's justice.
Go now, to speak and be God's justice
until the entire world knows God's mercy.

Blessing:

Amen: *Great Amen (Mass of Creation)* by Marty Haugen

Postlude:

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Our congregation is organized by its members and adherents. Several committees direct various functions, but our common life is made possible by many more who give of their time and talents.

Our Lay Reader today is David Wray. Thank you for your part in our worship service this morning. If you would like to be a lay reader in the future, email Janet Campbell at jicampbell@hotmail.com.

Thank you to the production team, ushers, decorators, and coffee hosts for bringing us today's worship service and coffee and conversation time.

Welcome to Emmanuel! If you are a newcomer or visitor, we invite you to sign our **Guest Book** and join us in a time of fellowship in the CE Hall following worship.

The ushers have copies of the **Anthem Lyrics** for anyone interested.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our partner Pastor Miguel Tomas Castro and family on the passing of his mother Maria Fredesvinda Garcia.

Emmanuel Night at the Movies returns this week. Friday October 24th, come out to watch the family friendly film *Into the West*, from 1992. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesdays**, on Zoom. The topic this week is If you were to pick one thing in your home that tells a story about who you are — maybe something on the wall, a piece of art, or a small keepsake — what would it be, and what story does it tell? Contact the Office for the zoom link.



3D ANGEL DECORATION WORKSHOP FOR THE BAZAAR

Wed. Oct. 22, 1pm-3pm
Main Floor Lounge
All are welcome!

Check out the signup sheet in the narthex and join one of our **BAZAAR DELI PREP SESSIONS**. This year we aim to sell shepherd's pie, chili, soup and more! Step into our kitchen and take part in making delicious food for sale at the bazaar.



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 19 Worship Coffee and Conversation JAM	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Monday, October 20 Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Senior's Transitions Christian Meditation	9:00 am 10:30 am – 11:30 am 11:30 am – 1:30 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Kitchen C.E. Hall Lounge/Sanctuary Zoom
Tuesday, October 21 Tai Chi Quilting Let's Talk Tuesdays Coffee Social Christie Lake Kids Council Meeting	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	C.E. Hall Room 9/10 Zoom Three Sisters C.E. Hall/Kitchen In-Person
Wednesday, October 22 Active Artists Voices Rock Music	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Library Sanctuary
Thursday, October 23 Tai Chi Heretics Discussion Group Emmanubells Al Anon Choir	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:30 am 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Room 9/10 C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, October 24 Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Emmanuel Movie Night	9:00 am 10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Kitchen C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Saturday, October 25 Nanette Whitwam Memorial Pre-Teen Evening	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary & C.E. Hall Kitchen/C.E. Hall