

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Prescott Valley, AZ
“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020 Contemporary Worship Service

Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Learning To Walk”

Joseph M. Matin (BMI), Malcolm Music, A Division of Shawnee Press

GATHERING

Gathering Song

“Mighty to Save”

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

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So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again

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Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen.**

Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Litany and Confession

L: The sinners, the saints; the broken, the whole.

C: We all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.

L: The doubters, the devout; the wonderers, the wanderers.

C: We all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people.

L: The hesitant, the heroic; the grandparents, the children.

C: We all listen for the songs of joy creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.

L: Lord, as we gather together, we acknowledge we are a forgiven people.

C: May we, like you, be generous in offering forgiveness to others.

L: You forgive us each and every day for the many ways we fall short of your mercy.

C: Teach us to embody your grace, your love, your mercy and your forgiveness to all those we encounter this day.

Absolution

P: Hear this good news. Our God knows our past and knows where we are headed, knows our weaknesses and our doubts; yet loves us beyond all imagining, all the way to the cross. Because of Christ we are free to love and be loved.

C: Amen.

Opening Song

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise

As we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

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Our God, You reign forever

Our Hope, our strong Deliverer

You are the everlasting God

The everlasting God

You do not faint

You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Sovereign God,

C: Raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music

Praise Bells Quartet, Gene Fougner, director

"How Great Thou Art" (by Hine/Cota)

Hope Publishing (Agape) 2001

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

Reading Introduction

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
and level the mountains,[a]

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your
name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the
sun

and from the west, that there is no one
besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reading Introduction

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15:22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

“Just Like Any Other Tuesday”

Discipleship Song

Lord You have my heart
And I will search for Yours
Let me be to You a sacrifice

“Lord You Have My Heart”

Lord You have my heart
And I will search for Yours
Let me be to You a sacrifice

And I will praise You Lord
And I will sing of love come down
And as You show Your face
We'll see Your glory here

Lord You have my heart
And I will search for Yours
Let me be to You a sacrifice

Lord You have my heart
And I will search for Yours
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Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, who has created all things and continues to create new life within us.

I believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Savior of the world.

By His life, His death and resurrection, I can know the true depth of human possibility, and experience the true joy of an abundant life.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts and empowering us for service.

I believe that the community of believers called the church can experience the fullness of life through the Word, the sacraments, and all that we do, even when we can't meet face to face, for our God makes all things possible.

Bidding Prayers

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. [*pause*]

L: For the church of Christ in all places, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel. For the well-being of creation. [*pause*]

L: For peace and justice in the world, the nations, and those in authority, and our community, especially in this unsettled time. [*pause*]

L: For the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, and lonely, and all affected by the viral pandemic. [*pause*]

L: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit and for whatever things we name now either silently or aloud. [*pause*]

C: Amen.

Joining together as God's people, we share the words that Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Offering:

P: At this time I would like to offer thanks for the offerings that we have received both in the mail, online and in person. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world even when we can't meet face to face. If you are worshiping with us today and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, to show the world your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

The Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

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As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

Members

<i>Alis Seim</i>	<i>Geri Cottrell</i>	<i>Marilyn & Leo Murphy</i>
<i>Arlene Meder</i>	<i>Gwen Savage</i>	<i>Marty Watkins</i>
<i>Ben Stricker</i>	<i>Helen Morton</i>	<i>Mary Austin</i>
<i>Bonnie Kain</i>	<i>John Clark</i>	<i>Nancy Nimocks</i>
<i>Carol Hotten</i>	<i>Karen Roush</i>	<i>Pam MacCleary</i>
<i>Chuck Lynch</i>	<i>Kat Harley Mays</i>	<i>Ramona Walker</i>
<i>Cris Spahr</i>	<i>Kyle Smith</i>	<i>Ron Kovara</i>
<i>David Ramirez</i>	<i>Len Warne</i>	<i>Ruth Martindale</i>
<i>Deanna McDaniel</i>	<i>Linda Walkoff</i>	<i>Wayne Theobald</i>

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Meg Northrup *Jim VanScoy* *Kenneth Lindsay deployed Kuwait – friend of Carl Schulze*

Family Members and Friends

Adam & Liz Crowley – daughter & son-in-law of Barbie Harlib
Anita Vasser – daughter of Mida Jordan
Baby Aurora & Baby Dale – Worthington's foster children
Becky Bodnarczuk – niece of Nancy Clark
Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats
Bob Hermann – cousin of Willie & Betty Hermann
Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley
Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley
Chris Vettore – daughter of Ron Kovara
Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze
Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer
Dan Lowe – brother-in-law of Pastor Tricia
Debra Jones – mother-in-law of Kimberly Goats
Don Jones – friend of Jim & Carole Rebholz
Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman
Eddie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller
Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin
Grant – grandson of Dan & Carol Cwach
Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld
Janice Zimbelman – friend of Emmanuel
Joann Harlib – mother of Scott Harlib
Joshua Diebel – stepbrother of Tawnya Worthington
Julie Ward – daughter of Keith & Cathy Namock
Kelly Smith – daughter of Bobbe Serena Wayman
Kris Franklin- friend of Wendy Woolley
Leroy Goats – father-in-law of Kimberly Goats
Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara
Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law
Marilyn Bostin – cousin of Tom Smith
Mark Kovara – son of Ron Kovara
Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary
Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz
Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler
Rich, Carol, daughter Rachel & grand daughter Audrey, friends of Larry & Sonya Mahler
Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto
Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler
Sara Mantooth – sister-in-law of Adam Bissell
Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade
Shelly Damschroder – friend of Kathy Austin and Daughter-in-law of Margaret Damschroder
Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul
Stefanie O'Donnell – daughter of Shelby & Carol Tate
Trisha Galindo – daughter of Gary & Jean Kiser
Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis

Someone is in the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but the church doors will be locked. Please knock upon arriving or call first. Please note that we are now requesting that everyone wear masks when they enter the church building. Don't be surprised when Mary and Pastor Tricia put theirs on when you come in! With the rise in cases of the virus in our community, we want to make sure we use all safety precautions to protect the most vulnerable among us.

MISSION OUTREACH for the month of October is Liberty Traditional School. We are accepting monetary donations, and at the end of the month we will contact the school to see what their needs are and then purchase the items.

We are updating the photo directory! Because we are not meeting in the church building yet, we are asking you to submit your own pictures. You can take a selfie with your phone or have someone else take it for you. Please include your smiling faces and upper torso in front of a **solid-colored background**. Please email them to the church office, at Emmanuelca@gmail.com, or text them to Pr. Tricia on her cellphone, at 301-890-9785, by November 1. (Please include your names!)

Interfaith Meal: Did you know that our church feeds about 120 community members each month during our Interfaith Meal? Even if you aren't available on a Thursday (during prep) or Friday (during the meal), check with Outreach to see how you can help! With meals discontinued at Trinity and postponed at St. Germaine's during this social distancing time, Emmanuel is hosting a second meal each month. Our next **take-out only meal** is **Friday, October 23, at 11:00 a.m.**

Offerings - Even though we are not meeting in the sanctuary, our church keeps the lights on! We are paying our staff, our bills and our benevolence commitment to the synod, and serving the twice monthly interfaith meals. This is only possible if our members continue to give. There are several ways to give your offering: mail it in, drop it off in the secure locking mailbox next to the front door, drop it off in person during office hours, use Vanco auto-withdraw system or Bill Pay with your bank, which is great because there are no fees to you or the church for this service. We are so blessed to have such a generous and faithful congregation!

Food Pantry – At this time, the food pantry prefers monetary donations so they can purchase the needed items. Donations can be mailed to the church and we will make sure the Food Pantry receives them in a timely manner. We will have a food bag drive, with a drop off at church, later.

A new book study began on Wednesday, October 14 at 1:00pm, to continue the work of understanding racism. We are reading Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s book, *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*. The group meets via Zoom for one hour each week; the book is only 60 pages long, so we anticipate a three to four week commitment to finish the book. Pr. Tricia has still has a couple of books; it is available on Amazon for just \$5.00. The Zoom invite will appear in Monday and Tuesday's daily email.

Job Opening on Church Staff – Audio Visual Technician – as Emmanuel looks to begin livestreaming our worship services, we have created a position for someone to run the audio, video and lighting during the worship service. If you know of someone who has these skills and might be interested, direct them to the church website for a job description. Applications are available in the church office.

Aluminum Cans – Emmanuel is still collecting cans. Please bring to the church and deposit in the container held in the dumpster area.

Emmanuel has volunteered to be a pick-up and drop off location for the Arizona Masks for Medical Workers project. The LDS church is providing the materials for our area. If you are able to sew any masks in the next two weeks, visit www.justserve.org to sign up and get directions. These are special masks that can be autoclaved for reuse by medical professionals. This ecumenical effort will benefit our local hospitals.