



**Welcome to ReFresh at Emmanuel
(Restoring Energy, Faith,
and Relevance to Every Soul's Heart)
January 28, 2024
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Welcome Visitors! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Thank you for worshipping with us. We strive to live as a Safe and Healing Spiritual Community for all who come, regardless of economic conditions, race, sexual orientation, gender identity or spiritual path. All are welcome in this holy space.

We invite you to worship with us on Sundays at our 9:00 am Calvary/Emmanuel Traditional Worship Service in the chapel or our ReFresh 10:30 am Service either in person or on ZOOM. The Recorded Service will be available on Facebook after the service.

To gather online by computer, tablet, or smartphone, use the following link.
<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/82726742888?pwd=WFEwOVBXZGd3OHFzSXQ1WXIVTHppZz09>

Don't forget to sign the greeting cards for our Emmanuel Family Members.
The cards are on the table in front of the Celebration Room.

Assisting in Worship Today

Presider: Pastor Frank Langholf

Lector: Susan Hurley-Whitaker

Accompanist: Clea Arbogast

Special Music: Tim and Emily Austin

Coordinator of Adult Music Ministries: Tim
Fenelon

Usher: Dena Rasmusson

Altar Guild: Jan & Gary Peterson

Consultant: Bill Houtkamp

Sound: Andrew Ehrhardt

Greeting Cards: Taj Guzzardo

****Don't forget today is Emmanuel's Annual Meeting of the Congregation after the 10:30 am worship service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom! We need 30 members present for a quorum.****

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Theme: RIC—Light Shines on Justice for All

Prelude: There is a Balm in Gilead—by Thacker Burleigh
Tim and Emily Austin

Welcome Pastor Frank Langholf

Meditation: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our Community Declaration:
**Guided by Spirit's Wisdom, Inspired by Creator's Imagination,
Centered in Christ's Love, and knowing that God is our Source,
Emmanuel is a Spiritual Community that is progressive, inclusive,
creative, and called to serve.**

Reception of New Members: Josh Luebke, Kelli Wenger, John and Nita
Mueller

Opening of the Heart: Litany of Praise and Confession by Claralice Wolf
Come to us, God of peace.
Come with your healing and your reconciling power.
Come, that fear may be cast out by love;
that weapons may be replaced by trust;
that violence may give way to gentleness.
Come to us, God of peace.

Come to us, God of justice.
Come with your righteous judgments and your mercy.
Come, that we may hear the cries of the oppressed in every land;
that we may see the suffering of the poor in our own land;
that we may return to the way of righteousness and compassion.
Come to us, God of justice.

Come to us, God of love.

Come with your extravagant kindness and your goodness.

Come, that we may see you in the people of every race and culture;
that we may embrace you in the lonely, the bereaved, and the rejected;
that we may be an accepting and a caring church.

Come to us, God of love.

Come to us, God of unity.

Come with your forgiveness and your healing grace.

Come, that we may witness to reconciliation for a divided world;
that we may gather around Christ's table as one people;
that we may affirm one church, one faith, one Lord.

Come to us, God of unity.

Come to us, God of hope.

Come to us with your promises; come in your mysterious presence.

Come, that we may marvel at your faithfulness in past generations;
that we may celebrate the new things you are doing among us today;
that we may be your pilgrim people on our journey to your kingdom.

Come to us, God of hope.

Come to us, O God, as we gather together and pray.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Proclamation of Grace:

Presider: The Good News is we are beloved children of God. We live in the promise of Christ, and NOTHING can ever separate us from God's love.

Gathering Song: Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW 726)



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

First Reading: Psalm 82 from Nan Merrill's Psalms for Praying

O compassionate Teacher, You are our
Merciful Counselor;

In the Silence, You make yourself known

To all who take time to listen.

Would that those in power would heed your Voice:

"How long will you misuse power that oppresses the poor?

When will you learn that to act

justly and with integrity will

bring mutual blessing to all?

Do you not know that to give succor

to the poor and to free people to succeed

will bring you more joy than all your bank accounts?"

Arise! Awaken to the new dawn!

Come into the light; shed darkness

like skin on the snake!

For the foundations of the cosmos

are shaking with injustice.

I say, "Within you dwells the Beloved,

the Breath of your breath;

Open your heart in the Silence and

know the One in the many."

Arise! Join in the new creation!

Let harmony reign among all the nations!

Second Reading: Luke 10: 25-37 from the First Nations Version

A scroll keeper, one who was skilled in his knowledge of tribal law, came to Creator Sets Free (Jesus) to test him and trap him in his words.

"Wisdomkeeper," he said, "What path must I walk to have the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony?" He

answered him, "What is written in our tribal law about this? Tell me, how do you see it?" The scroll keeper spoke from the words of the law, "You

must love the Great Spirit from deep within, with the strength of your arms, the thoughts of your mind, and the courage of your heart, and you must love your fellow human beings in the same way you love yourselves.” “You have answered well,” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said back to him. “If you walk this path you will live.”

Scripture/Meditation Song: Be Still My Soul (New Century, #488)

**Be Still, my soul” for God is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best eternal friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
To guide in future days as in the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
How Jesus’ power ruled them long ago.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here.
When we shall be with God whom we adore,
With disappointment gone, no grief nor fear,
Sorrow replaced with joy forever more.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and Blessed we shall meet at last.**

Scripture: Amos 5: 21-24. (Inclusive version)

I despise and reject your feasts!

I am not appeased by your solemn assemblies!

When you offer me burnt offerings,

I reject your oblations, and refuse to look at your sacrifices of fattened cattle!

Spare me the racket of your chanting!

Relieve me of the strumming of your harps!

Instead, let justice flow like a river,

and righteousness flow like an unfailing stream.

Presider: These are the words of an early Jewish community.

All: May we find wisdom for our living.

Sermon Pastor Frank Langholf

Offering

Presider: We take this time now to offer our gifts and intentions.

Special Music: Instruments of Peace by Kirk & Derby Dearman
Tim and Emily Austin and Clea Arbogast

Chorus:

Lord makes us instruments, of your peace

Where there is hatred let your love increase

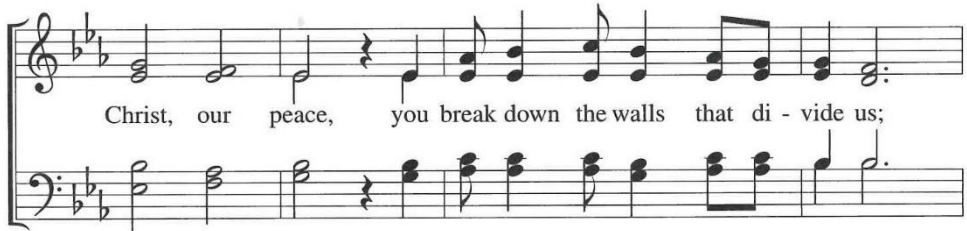
Lord make us instruments, of your peace

Walls of pride and prejudice shall cease

When we are your instruments of peace

Time for Gratitude

Prayer Song and Response: Christ Our Peace (ACS 1037)



Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer by Lala Winkley

God, lover of us all, most holy one.

Help us to respond to you.

To create what you want for us here on earth.

Give us today enough for our needs.

**Forgive our weak and deliberate offenses,
just as we must forgive others
when they hurt us.**

**Help us to resist evil and to do what is good.
For we are yours, endowed with your power
to make our world whole.
Amen.**

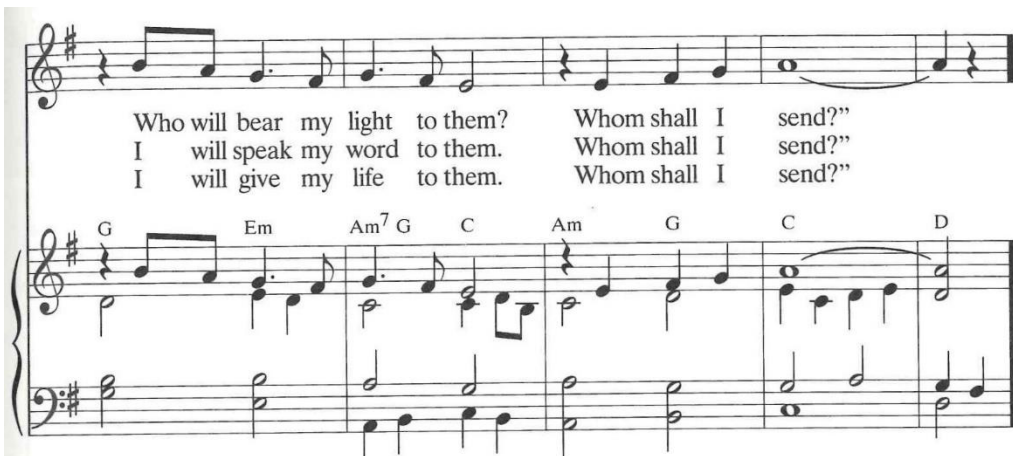
Announcements

Sending Song: I the Lord of Sea and Sky (WOV 752)

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Chords: G, Em, Am⁷, G, C, Am, G, C, D

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Chords: D, G, Gsus⁴, G, C, G



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

Chords: Am⁷, G, C, D, G, Gsus⁴, G



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Chords: C, G, Am⁷, D, G, Gsus⁴, G

Benediction/Sharing of Peace

In our Prayers: Tim Austin, Peg Burns, Harold Ogdon, Jonathan Chell, Susan Lippert, Jeff Birch, Julaine Lofquist-Birch, Josie Peebles, Ian, Joel, and Rick, Vince and Bena Holland, Karen Johnson.

New Book for Spiritual Journeys - Tuesday group - 9:30 - 11:00am
Spiritual Journeys started a new book on January 2, 2024, called the “Church of the Wild: How Nature Invites Us into the Sacred”, by Victoria Loorz.
Questions, Contact Karen VanHowe at karenvanhowe@gmail.com

Cardio Drumming With Beth Campisi Mondays at Emmanuel
Adaptive Cardio Drumming--Mondays 4:00-5:00
Regular Cardio Drumming--Mondays 6:00-7:00

January's Soul Garden Hikes
Saturday, January 27 9:00am
Rock Cut State Park (Note location change)
7223 West Lane Road, Loves Park
Give Holly a call at 815-543-1191 for questions or if you are going to hike.

January's Pantry Food Requests
This month, we are trying to keep our customers warm. We would like canned chili, soups, soup crackers, and packaged hot chocolate. Thank you

Women's January Interfaith Potluck
All women are welcome to attend the Women's Interfaith Potluck on Monday, January 29, at 6:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2715 S. Mulford, Rockford. Deaconess Cheryl Anderson Erdmann will do a presentation on the first year of the Rockford Interfaith Community Garden, and on their hopes and plans for next year. Plates, silverware, and beverages will be provided.