

# The Season After Pentecost

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

August 1, 2021 at 9am

Please have your communion elements ready before worship begins.

**Welcome Guests!** We're glad you're with us today. The only thing we ask of you? It's simple: relax. This service is our gift to you, no strings attached.

**If you are a visitor to Emmanuel UMC**, please complete our online Guest Card at [bit.ly/EUMCGuestCard](http://bit.ly/EUMCGuestCard). We look forward to hearing from you!

*Please share your joys and concerns in the comments stream during today's service.*

**WELCOME** Pastor Edgardo Rivera

**CANDLE LIGHTING** Rev. Leo Yates

*We all light a candle together at the start of our worship services to remind us that however we gather, God is with us.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Led by Chris Armstrong

One: Lord you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you, we come home to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.

**All: We dwell in you.**

One: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

In you, we are home, we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.

**All: We dwell in you. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *Welcome* Worship and Song #3152

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 22:34-40 Read by Chris Armstrong

*Please stand in heart or posture for the reading of the Gospel.*

One: This is the Gospel of our Lord. **All: Thanks be to you, O Christ.**

**TIME OF CENTERING**

We use this time to make the transition between "getting here" and "being here." Take these few minutes of quiet time to get in touch with the calm places, the still, the deep places in you; the spirit.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** "I've Been Meaning to Ask... How Can I Take Care of Myself?"  
Pastor Edgardo Rivera

**ANTHEM** *Still* Worship and Song #3134

WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Led by Chris Armstrong

Gracious God,

We so desperately long to say the right thing, to be the right thing, to find the right solution, that we overstep the line. Forgive us for assuming the place you fill. Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity, could possibly fix all the hurt in this world. Instead, give us the grace and the strength to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need to witness their hurt without trying to fix it. You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend. Teach us how to point to you. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Family of faith, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening, assumed without knowing, offered without asking, or rushed without waiting - you are forgiven. God knows your desire and your intent. God knows when we try and miss the mark, and God surrounds us in grace. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Every day is a new day for love. We are claimed. We are forgiven. We are invited into relationship. Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end. Amen.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST IN ASL** Rev. Leo Yates  
Greet one another saying: peace to you. Respond: And also to you.

**COMMUNION SUNG RESPONSES** TFWS #2257 a-d

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**They kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

**WE RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY**

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**\*HYMN** *A Place at the Table* Worship and Song #3149

**\*BENEDICTION**

***Give yourself the gift of an uninterrupted worship service  
by silencing your cell phone and removing all other distractions.***

***\*Please stand in heart or posture.***

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### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joys and concerns may still be sent to Rev. Kim Capps anytime during the week at [RevKim@EUMCLaurel.org](mailto:RevKim@EUMCLaurel.org). You also may complete an online Joy/Concern card at [bit.ly/EUMCJoysConcerns](http://bit.ly/EUMCJoysConcerns).

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### ONLINE MEETINGS

Look for a Monday morning Enews to find out about the week's online offerings from our pastors! Go to [www.EUMCLaurel.org](http://www.EUMCLaurel.org) to sign up for these weekly emails, as well as our regular Friday morning Enews!

### OUTREACH FOR LARS

We are still collecting non-perishable food items for LARS. Please bring items and place them in the container under the carport of the Ministry Center. Thank you!

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POWER

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