



The Season After Pentecost
August 22nd, 2021 at 9am

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're with us today. **If you are a visitor to Emmanuel UMC**, please complete our online Guest Card at bit.ly/EUMCGuestCard. We look forward to hearing from you!

WELCOME Rev. Edgardo Rivera
(If you would like a Joy or Concern shared publicly, please send a text now to our new designated number, 410-705-4773, so we can read your joys and concerns after the sermon. Please be sure to include your name in the text.)

CANDLE LIGHTING Sarah 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 Karen Irons
One: Jesus said, "Come unto me all you who are weary and I will give you rest."

All: We long for our souls to rest in the peace which Jesus gives.

One: Jesus also said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me."

All: We come today to learn from the God of all knowledge.

One: Jesus said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

All: As we come to worship, let us cast our burdens on the Savior and find that he bears our burdens and lightens our load.

One: Jesus invites us to "Come."

All: It is our joy to say yes to the invitation.

***HYMN** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* W&S #3001 Vs 1-3

BIBLE LESSONS Deuteronomy 10:17-21
*Matthew 5:43-48 Read by Karen Irons

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

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Matt Upshaw

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(We recognize that we call God by many names, use the name you prefer.)

ALL: Our God (Father, Mother, Creator) 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM *In the Midst of New Dimensions* TFWS #2238 Vs 1, 2, & 5

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.

SERMON "I've Been Meaning to Ask...
What Kind of Country Do We Live In?" Rev. Edgardo Rivera

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Matt Upshaw

MINI CAMP SLIDESHOW

OFFERTORY

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***HYMN** *Blessed be Your Name* W&S #3002

***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.*

We are blessed to have music provided for us this Sunday by John Gauthier and Dana Scott!

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