



The Season After Pentecost
August 29th, 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 Iris Saunders
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 Amanda Upshaw
One: If you come into this place with the hope of growing deeper, with the hope of connecting, with the hope of glimpsing God, and if all of those things take place, and your spirit is moved, and you swear God is near, and you feel more than lucky for the gift of faith, and then the service comes to an end, and it's time for you to leave, and you ask yourself, "Where do we go from here?" Then I would say to you, "Go out into the world to love and to share and to learn, but come back soon, because this is the beginning. This is only the beginning. So come on in. Fill your cup here. Be present here. God is here." Let us worship Holy God.
All: Amen!

***HYMN** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #89

BIBLE LESSON Acts 10: 25-34 Read by Amanda Upshaw
One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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 *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* W&S #3122

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...
Where Do We Go From Here?" Rev. Edgardo Rivera

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Kim Capps

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***HYMN** *Draw the Circle Wide* W&S #3154

***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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