

The Season After Pentecost

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

September 5, 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. 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 Psalms 98:1-8 Led by Chris Wilcox

One: Sing to our God a new song.

All: God has done marvelous things!

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

All: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

One: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

All: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

***HYMN** *Welcome* W&S #3152

BIBLE LESSON Acts 10:44-48 Read by Chris Wilcox

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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

ANTHEM *A Place at the Table* W&S #3149

WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Led by Chris Wilcox

Holy God, we are naturals when it comes to stalling out.

We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation, in our faith, and then we stall. We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there, destined to never dig deeper or climb higher.

Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter.

Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top.

Forgive us for taking the easy way out instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building, vulnerability, and connection.

Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here.

With hope and honesty we pray, Amen.

Words of Forgiveness:

Family of faith, we are works in progress, but we are works in progress designed, created, and claimed by God. No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start.

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

God is with me on the mountain top, and God is with me on the plateau.

I am loved, claimed, and forgiven. Thanks be to God! 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

Please go to www.eumclaurel.org/donate-now/ to give online!

***HYMN** *Grace Alone* TFWS #2162

***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
Laura Baker!*

FOR ANY ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS OR SUPPORT, please contact our disability ministries coordinator, Rev. Leo Yates, at 301-725-5200 or RevYates@eumclareol.org.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joys and concerns may still be sent to Rev. Kim Capps anytime during the week at RevKim@EUMCLaureol.org. You also may complete an online Joy/Concern card at bit.ly/EUMCJoysConcerns.

LIVE STREAMING

To see this or any other service online, go to our You Tube channel at bit.ly/EUMCLaureolYouTube.

ONLINE MEETINGS

Look for a Monday morning Enews to find out about the week's online offerings from our pastors! Go to www.EUMCLaureol.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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Emmanuel UMC embraces Jesus' message that God loves everyone and we affirm that all persons are of sacred worth. We believe that every human being is created and gifted by God; therefore, every human being is invited to be part of our church. We welcome into our fellowship, membership, and leadership, all people, regardless of age, economic reality, education, ethnicity, faith history, family structure, gender identity, nationality, disability, race, sexual orientation, and life experience.



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