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**The Season After Pentecost**  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://bit.ly/EUMCGuestCard). We look forward to hearing from you!

**WELCOME** Pastor 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** 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** Psalm 98:1-8 Led by Delila Moravitz  
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** *We Sing to You, O God* TFWS #2001

**BIBLE LESSON** Genesis 2:4b -9 and John 1: 14-18 Read by Delila Moravitz  
*(Please stand in heart or posture, out of respect, 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** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #384

**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** “Who Are We? Exploring the Nature of God”  
Pastor Edgardo Rivera

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Kim Capps

**OFFERTORY**

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**\*HYMN** *God Is Here Today (Dios Está Aquí)* TFWS #2049

**\*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!*

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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.