

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
Wakefield, Massachusetts  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



July 12, 2026  
9:00 AM

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Wakefield, MA**  
***Belong, Be Loved, Flourish!***

We are thrilled you are here! We welcome every person without exception in the name of Jesus Christ. You **belong** here and are an essential part of our family. You are **beloved** by God. We strive to "love God and love our neighbor," affirming that God created us for relationship and all creation **flourishing**. We pray you are drawn to healing and joy.

If this is your first time, or first time back in a while, please fill out the visitors' card in the pew or Narthex. Introduce yourself to Rev. Brett and our Greeters — we are a friendly family!

**A Note about Communion** *You (all!) are welcome.* God invites you to be fed. All are welcome at the altar rail. Wine options include the chalice, intinction (a separate cup), or a non-alcohol alternative — simply let the clergy know. If you prefer not to receive, come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. *Our Altar Bread is Gluten Free.* If you cannot come forward, let an usher know and we will come to you.

**A Note about Children** *We love* all our children. During the Summer, childcare is available most Sundays in their special place off the Parish Hall. Once a month, children join us in the sanctuary as ushers, readers, and altar assistants. All children are welcome in the sanctuary — we ask that their grown-ups help them use quiet voices and quiet play, honoring those who need stillness to worship.

**Assistive Listening Devices** Four lightweight receivers are available at the back of the sanctuary. Pick one up, insert the earbud, and adjust the volume as needed — devices are charged and ready each week. Helpful for hearing differences or simply for clearer sound. See an usher with any questions.

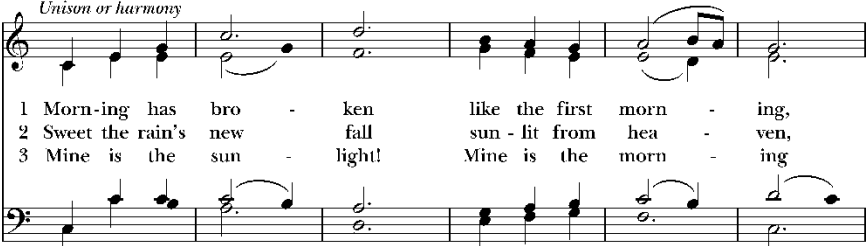
We acknowledge that Emmanuel sits on the traditional land of the Algonquian-speaking Pawtucket tribe, whose caretaker's past, present, and future we honor with gratitude. As guests who have too often benefited at their expense, we commit to becoming better stewards and working toward a more just future.

*As we prepare our hearts for worship, we kindly ask that you please  
silence your cell phones. Thank you.*

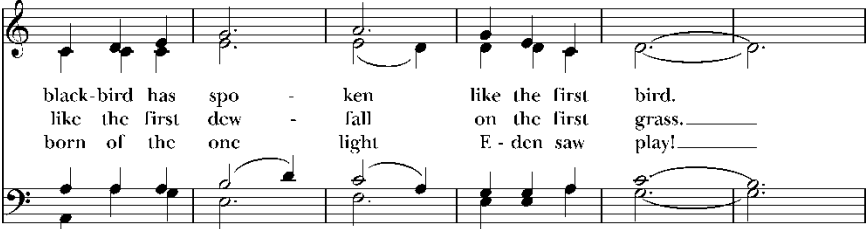
# PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN #8 *Morning has broken*

*Unison or harmony*



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with c - la - tion, praise ev - cry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_

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# WELCOME

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People:* Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GLORIA # S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are scat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together.

**O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
 and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
 making it bring forth and sprout,  
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
 it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 65: 9-14

*The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.*

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

**10 You prepare the grain, \***  
**for so you provide for the earth.**

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

**12 You crown the year with your goodness, \***  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

**14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,**  
**and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \***  
**let them shout for joy and sing.**

## SECOND LESSON ROMANS 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law~ indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### SEQUENCE HYMN #679 *Surely it is God who saves me*



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with  
 va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your dc -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the  
 liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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## GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 13: 1-11,16-23

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 according to Matthew.

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He answered, "To you it has been given to know

the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

“But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

“Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*Celebrant:*       The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON       THE REV. BRETT R. JOHNSON

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with**

the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*At the Parish Prayer List of names, the congregation is invited to repeat each name after the Litanist in solidarity with those who have asked us for prayer.*

Dear Creator of All Heaven and Earth, we come to you in prayer, to draw your love and guidance through us, that we may open tender hearts to each other, and to those you call us to serve.

**We surrender Lord, to your will and guidance, in the name of Jesus Christ.**

We come to you in prayer for Emmanuel Episcopal Church, our rector, staff, vestry, all ministerial leaders, and all who serve you, both seen and unseen. Today we also pray for *Wakefield Food Pantry*, our Lemonade and Fellowship recipient this month.

**We surrender to you, grateful for your blessings on this community here. May we be a beacon of caring and love, as taught by your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Merciful God, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the following churches of the churches of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery: Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River; St. Luke's Church, Fall River; St. Gabriel's Church, Marion; St. Philip of Bethsaida, Mattapoisett; and Clergy spouses and families.

**We surrender to your Providence, Loving Creator, fill your Church with the Holy Spirit.**

We come to you in prayer for those carrying burdens, and those in transitions or illness. Bless each, as you know their need. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. May they know your healing peace.

**We surrender them Lord, to the comfort of your abiding presence, in the name of Jesus Christ.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. We ask for your intervention and protection for all those impacted by the severe earthquakes in Venezuela.

**We surrender them, Lord, to your protecting presence, in the name of Jesus Christ.**

We pray that governments, leaders, and policymakers have the wisdom and courage to work together and be inspired to address the many injustices in the world. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We also ask for ourselves that you strengthen our resolve to counter the sins of racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and misogyny, as well as thoughts and actions against members of immigrant and LGBTQ+ communities, eliminate the proliferation of assault weapons. We

also ask that you provide healing and support for those experiencing loneliness and mental health challenges in our nation.

**We surrender to your transforming work in ourselves and in our world, in the name of Jesus Christ.**

We come to you in prayer for the natural environment we cherish, our earth home, the air, water, oceans, the plants and animals, and for those who are entrusted with the care and policies for their balance and preservation, as you created them.

**We surrender them Lord, to your care, and us to your inspiration, that we may be active and speak wisely, as stewards of your creation, in the name of Jesus Christ.**

We pray for those who have died, that they are joyful in your care, with saints and angels surrounding them with your love. We commend them to your mercy and ask that you give them eternal rest. We especially remember Larry Powers and Tina Cresta in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today.

**We surrender them Lord, to your heavenly kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ.**

*Celebrant:* Gracious Creator of our being, thank you for the quiet place you give us to hear you, as we pray from our hearts, and share with each other the love you offer freely. Keep us in your care as we go about your work, as taught by Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION - *Enriching Our Worship*

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*Silence may be kept*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We**

repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Christ is already here making peace among us.  
The Peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The community shares a sign of peace.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

OFFERTORY HYMN #302 *Father, we thank thee who hast planted*

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -  
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy  
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.  
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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Please stand as you are able

DOXOLOGY (all singing)

Old 100th

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer G

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**Celebrant:** The Lord is here.  
**People:** His spirit is with us.  
**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** We lift them to the Lord.  
**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

## SANCTUS WLP #859 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

\*\*Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The image shows a three-line musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the lyrics 'Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.' The second line contains the lyrics '\*\*Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' The third line contains the lyrics 'Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.' The music features a simple melody with some rests and a final double bar line.

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*The people stand or kneel.*

How wonderful the work of your hand, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
 you embraced a people as your own.  
 When they turned away and rebelled  
 Your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Savior, born of Mary,  
 to be the living bread,  
 in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
 He offered his life for sinners,  
 and with a love stronger than death  
 he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
 he came to supper with his friends  
 and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
 He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
 do this in remembrance of me.  
 At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
 he gave you thanks, and said:  
 Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

Which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,**  
**Rising you restored our life:**  
**Lord Jesus come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear S on.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendor  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and  
ever.**

**Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people stand or kneel.*

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### AGNUS WLP #871

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: have mer-cy on us.— Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION

*All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing.*

***Our altar bread is gluten free.***

*Prayers for healing are also offered.*

*Please stay seated until you are invited forward by the usher,  
beginning from the back of the church.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

My friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are on this journey with us.

So be swift to love and hasten to be kind, and always, always offer hospitality and belonging to the stranger.

And the blessing of the God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you and those you love now and always.

**Amen**

CLOSING HYMN #376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day,  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933); Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
 People Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

**Please join us after the service for Lemonade and Fellowship in the Parish Hall hosted by Beth Martin.**

*This month's coffee hour recipient is the Wakefield Food Pantry.*

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Nicole Russo De Souza
Litanist:	Kirsten Manville
Eucharistic Minister:	Eddie Parsons and Amy Walsh
Usher:	Chris Chen
Altar Guild:	Alison Shaw and Amy Walsh
Vestry Greeter:	Beth Martin
Streaming Coordinator:	Kim Collins
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



*The flowers adorning our altar are given in loving memory of Larry Powers, uncle of Nicole Russo DeSouza and brother-in-law of Linda Russo and in loving memory of Tina Cresta, dear friend of Lisa Ventura.*

## HEALING PRAYER OFFERED TODAY

The Prayer Team is available as a healing prayer resource at a prayer station to the left of the main altar during communion and after the service.

Cover art can be found at: <https://www.vangoghstudio.com/the-sower/>

## EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Donna Boudreau, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Erica, Joan Finn, Mary Gasson, Peggy Givans, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, Karen Dodd Howard, CJ, Ginny Johnson, Ken Leach, Kevin MacKenzie, Mark Martino, Sara Murphy, Muriel Peters, Mo Pollman, Rebecca, Carolyn and Jeff Robinson, Trudy, Amy Walsh, Kelly Wood, and Alan Wright.

## JOIN US TODAY FOR OUR SUMMER BOOK STUDY!

Join us in the Sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. for the second session of our summer book study, *For Such a Time as This* facilitated by Dave Sullivan. We will be discussing Part 2, chapters 8-14. All are welcome to join even if you haven't read the book!

## DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?

We are taking hymn requests for the summer services. Please let us know what your favorite hymn is. You can list them on the sheet in the narthex or email the church office.

## ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

**Please consider donating altar flowers! We have open dates for all of July and August except for August 16<sup>th</sup>.** You can honor or remember loved ones with altar flowers or dedicate flowers in memory of, celebration of, thanksgiving for, or in honor of someone special. Donations of any amount are welcome. Contact Lisa in the office [eecw@verizon.net](mailto:eecw@verizon.net) if interested. Thank you.

## WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The most needed item for the month of July is tea bags/tea leaves.

# GOING DEEPER

*this summer*

SUMMER FORMATION AT EMMANUEL

*Summer is an invitation to keep growing.*

As we gather for one Sunday service at 9:00 a.m., we are offering several simple opportunities to continue exploring faith, scripture, and spiritual life in community.

Join us after worship for thoughtful conversation, shared learning, and meaningful connection as we begin preparing for this fall's formation theme:

## GOING DEEPER: *The Art of Seeing*

*Come for one session or join us for all of them.*

Bring your questions, your doubts, your hopes, and your curiosity.



**JUNE 28**

*For Such a Time as This*  
INTRODUCTION & PART 1

Facilitator:  
Rev. Brett Johnson



**JULY 12**

*For Such a Time as This*  
PART 2

Facilitator:  
Dave Sullivan



**JULY 26**

*Summer Psalms for Emmanuel*  
PSALM 25 OR PSALM 71

Facilitator:  
Nikki Nash-MacIsaac



**AUGUST 9**

*For Such a Time as This*  
PART 3

Facilitator:  
Kim Collins



**AUGUST 16**

*Summer Psalms for Emmanuel*  
PSALM 67

Facilitator:  
Dave Sullivan



**AUGUST 30**

*For Such a Time as This*  
PART 4 & CONCLUSION

Facilitator:  
Rev. Brett Johnson



FOLLOWING THE  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
No registration required.



EMMANUEL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
*All are welcome.*



COME FOR ONE  
SUNDAY OR EVERY ONE.



BE LOVED | BE INTENTIONAL | BELONG | BE TRANSFORMED



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## WOW! LOOK AT THAT!

“If we believe that our unity comes from looking together into a mystery and occasionally nudging one another and saying, “[Wow!]

Look at that!” it can help us to feel how the unity we enjoy  
(Brett: with radical diversity!)

is not primarily about institutional uniformity...  
the unity is found in the common direction we are looking.”

Rowan Williams,

*Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another*

What does that word he keeps saying mean?

## BASILEIA

/ba-si-LEI-a/ • βασιλεία

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The **establishment of complete salvific communion** between humanity and God, among human beings, within human persons, and between humanity and the rest of creation.

**"Full communion, full flourishing!"**



Humanity  
& God



Among  
People



Within  
Ourselves



With  
Creation

### Jesus' Mission:

"I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God" (Luke 4:43)

This *Basileia* is something Jesus longs for us to strive for now, even as it will not be ultimately fulfilled until the end of the age.

## PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2026

Sunday, July 12	8:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	10:00 AM	Lemonade & Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Summer Book Study: <i>For Such a Time as This</i>
Tuesday, July 14	12 Noon	Wakefield Interfaith Clergy
	6:00 PM	Pastoral Care Team
Wednesday, July 15	10:00 AM	Brightview Service
	2:00 PM	Wardens' Meeting
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Saturday, July 18	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, July 19	8:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:00 AM	Lemonade & Fellowship

*If you would like to give to the ministries  
of Emmanuel Episcopal Church,  
please use this QR code.*



### EMAIL SCAMS

We continue to hear from parishioners who are receiving emails that appear to be from Rev. Brett or other members of the vestry or church staff. These messages often ask for donations, gift cards, personal information, or parish directory details.

**Please remember:** We will **NEVER** ask for financial assistance, gift cards, or sensitive information this way. If you are ever unsure whether a message is legitimate, please contact the church office directly to verify it before responding. Thank you for helping keep our parish community safe from scams.



COME ON DOWN TO THE LAKE  
FOR THE 24th SEASON OF OUR  
**FRIDAYS AT THE BANDSTAND**  
CONCERT SERIES!!!

\*\*\*Rain Venue: Brightview Senior Living\*\*\*

PRESENTED BY THE

# WAKEFIELD SUMMER BAND



ON WAKEFIELD COMMON

JUNE 26, 7:00

JULY 10, 7:00

JULY 24, 7:00

AUGUST 7, 7:00

For further information, contact Don Hodgkins at 781-724-3297 or  
[Donhods@aol.com](mailto:Donhods@aol.com)

Col. James Hartshorne House Association presents



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Tuesday, August 4th, 6-8 p.m.

Make your own sundae! \$5.00

Children's Activities! Music & Raffle Prizes!

Bring along a non-perishable food donation for our neighbors in need -- we will bring donations to the Wakefield Food Pantry.

41 Church Street, Wakefield

(rain date August 25th)

[WWW.HARTSHORNEHOUSE.ORG](http://WWW.HARTSHORNEHOUSE.ORG) 781-245-3935



Ice Cream generously donated by Meletharb's

SAVE THESE DATES  
Emmanuel will be participating in both!



Save the Date  
**Wakefield Porchfest**  
2026

Saturday, August 29th

Enjoy a day of Live local music  
and entertainment for the 3rd  
year in a row



 **TOWN** DAY  
on the Common

September 26  
1 to 4 p.m.

Rain date: September 27





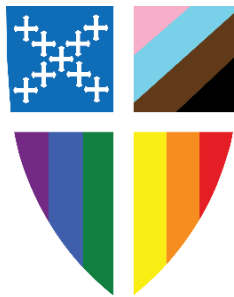
**OUR MISSION:**

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community dedicated to spiritual growth through worship and education for adults and children.



**OUR VISION:**

Emmanuel embodies Christ's light in service to all. Here, through God's love and grace, all are accepted, purpose is found, and together we flourish.



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*Please be advised that our services are live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.*

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