

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 6, 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 #518 vss. 1,2&4

Christ is made the sure foundation

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: EZEKIEL 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; ***
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

**36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.**

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

**38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.**

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

**40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

SECOND LESSON ROMANS 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS #251 *Lead Me, Lord (2x)*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous - ness, -

Make thy way plain be - fore my face. A - men.

Words: Psalm 5:8, 4:8. Music: Samuel S. Wesley (1861-1935).

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

*The Prayers of the People were written by the people of Emmanuel
for the people of Emmanuel.*

O God to whom we belong — we give you thanks for the body of Christ, your Church universal and local. We praise you for the grace revealed in Jesus Christ: freely given, endlessly forgiving, stronger than sin and death.

We pray for your Church throughout the world. Strengthen all who lead and serve — and especially our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our own bishops Julia, Ian, and Mary — that all may faithfully bear witness to your boundless mercy. Give vision and courage to the leaders of Emmanuel: our rector, staff, vestry, committee chairs, and all those who gladly offer themselves in service to fulfill our mission.

Guide us, O God — through worship, prayer, and the study of your Word — to walk the way of Jesus with generous hearts and joyful lives. Amen.

O God of all people and nations — you are the source of our conscience and the ground of all true authority. We yearn for your justice and peace to repair our broken world.

We pray for the leaders of our country and all who hold power in public life. Give them wisdom, humility, and compassion. Move them toward servant leadership, resisting the temptations of greed, power, expediency and fear, and working always for the flourishing of all.

When we are tempted toward cynicism, anger, or despair, give us strength to see your work in the world — and courage to join it. Amen.

O God, Creator of Eden — you placed us in your garden and called us to tend it. Forgive us for the ways we have failed to care for your creation and for all that you have entrusted to us, whether through

neglect, indifference, or intention. Intercede we pray for all those affected by the terrible fires throughout the world and by the flash floods in Nepal.

We pray for the healing of your creation. We pray for all who are crushed by systems of power and greed — for immigrants journeying in hope and uncertainty, for those living with food and housing insecurity, for our LGBTQ+ siblings facing hostility and harm, and for all experiencing the weight of mental illness and loneliness.

Protect those who are most vulnerable, O God. Open our eyes to their suffering, our hands to their need, and our hearts to your call. Amen.

O God who sends us out — help us here in Wakefield and at Emmanuel to see you in our neighbors, and to love all of your creation bravely and simply.

We pray for all who live, work, learn, and serve among us. Bless our neighborhoods, our schools, our local leaders, our small businesses, and all the places where community is built and broken and rebuilt again. Strengthen the bonds that unite us across difference, and help us seek the common good with generosity and respect. We also pray for the Esperanza Academy School of Hope, our Lemonade and Fellowship recipient this month.

Deepen our love for you and for this place, O God — that your kingdom of flourishing may take root right here among us. Amen.

O God who suffered and conquered death — we ask a special measure of your grace and healing on all who are in pain today. Be near to those who carry burdens of illness, grief, loneliness, anxiety, or fear. We pray especially for: Andrew, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Donna, Peggy Downs, Dutchy, Erica, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, CJ, Ginny Johnson, Jonathan, Ken

Leach, Linda, Kevin MacKenzie, Mark Martino, Sara Murphy, Muriel Peters, Mo Pollman, Rebecca, Carolyn and Jeff Robinson, Keith Santarelli, Trudy, CV, Amy Walsh, Charlie Wisner, Kelly Wood, and Alan Wright.

May they know themselves held in love – wrapped in the assurance that nothing, nothing, can separate them from your grace.

Surround them with your steadfast love, O God. Uphold them with your strength. And make us instruments of your healing in the world. Amen.

O God of light and life – we commend to your mercy all who have died. We remember especially those known and beloved to us (*names may be spoken or held in silence*). Grant them rest, light perpetual, and the joy of your presence. We especially remember Ruth Goddard in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today and Dave Bernardin and Donna Boudreau, both who died this week. We also commend to God all who died in the tragic shooting in Minneapolis.

May we who are still on the way be strengthened by their witness, sustained by your grace, held in your hope, and reunited at last in your love.

We pray this all in the powerful Name of the Triune God. 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 *They Will Know We are Christian's by our Love*



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love. —

WORDS: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)
 MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

ST. BRENDAN'S
 76.76.86 with Refrain

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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.



Music: Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930) from *WORSHIP II*. Copyright © 1975, GIA Publications, Inc.

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 Son.

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 #690 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

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 Amy Walsh.

This month's coffee hour recipient is Esperanza Academy School of Hope.

Esperanza Academy is a tuition-free, all-girls Episcopal school in Lawrence, MA for students in grades 5 through 8, built on justice and centered in joy. It has 63 students in grades 5-8 with a student-teacher ratio of 7 to 1.

In 2002, the vestries of Christ Church of Andover and Grace Church of Lawrence began exploring a high-impact way to serve the Lawrence community. They identified a critical need for high-quality educational opportunities for young women and decided to establish an independent middle school for girls. Esperanza Academy opened its doors on September 6, 2006. In 2015, the Academy earned full accreditation from the Association of Independent Schools in New England.

Rooted in the Episcopal tradition, Esperanza combines academic excellence with inclusivity, service, and a commitment to social justice. Students of all faiths, cultures, and economic backgrounds are welcomed, while thoughtfully designed Episcopal experiences recognize spiritual growth as an important part of each student's development.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Dawn Jackson
Litanist:	Jen Miles
Eucharistic Minister:	Paul LaSpina and Amy Walsh
Usher:	Eddie Parsons
Altar Guild:	Faith Hodgkins, Carol Johnson and Erin Nobles
Vestry Greeter:	Amy Walsh
Streaming Coordinator:	Dave McSweeney
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*The flowers adorning our altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving
memory of Ruth Goddard from Phil Goddard and Frances Cheney.*

A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that
all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the
work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the
common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor,
make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and
arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Collect for Labor Day, the Book of Common Prayer, p. 261

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.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Do you love to sing?

We would love to welcome you to Emmanuel's Choir! Choir rehearsals begin Tuesday, September 8th, and are held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The choir also warms up on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join, especially new parishioners who enjoy singing! The choir will sing together for the first time this fall at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 13.

Interested in joining? Please speak with Luca, Brett, or any choir member. We'd love to have you!

DO YOU LIKE TO GARDEN?

Rev. Brett is looking for a few helping hands to clean out the garden beneath the Main Street church sign and plant some mums this week. If you're available to help, please let Rev. Brett know. Thank you for helping to keep our church grounds looking beautiful!

DO YOU LOVE NUMBERS? FINCOM WANTS YOU!

Does a well-balanced spreadsheet make your heart sing? Do you find real joy in "crunching" numbers, digging into financials, or building a budget that actually balances? Maybe you even have accounting experience gathering dust? Good news: we have a *very* special place for you!

The Finance Committee (affectionately known as FINCOM) is Emmanuel's small-but-mighty band of number-lovers, led by our terrific Treasurer, Aimee Forsythe. They meet monthly to monitor the parish's financial health and make recommendations to the Vestry, who carries "overall fiduciary responsibility" for Emmanuel. FINCOM is looking for a few good souls (bonus points if you already own a calculator) to join the team. If the Spirit — or your inner accountant — is nudging you, we'd love to hear from you. Interested? Talk to Rev. Brett, Aimee Forsythe or let the church office know. Many thanks!

≡ *You're invited!* ≡
♥

WELCOME SUNDAY!

KICKING OFF A NEW SEASON TOGETHER



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

≡ **ONE 10:00 AM SERVICE** ≡

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Bring your
backpack to
be blessed for
the year ahead!



WELCOME BACK CHOIR



Our choir is
back! Join in
the joy of
music together.



PARISH PHOTO



All are invited
for our parish
photo after
the service.



PARISH PICNIC



Stay, connect,
and enjoy good
food &
fellowship!



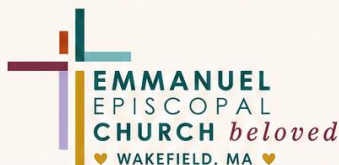
ALL ARE WELCOME!



New here?
Longtime
member?
There's a place
for you here!



≡ *Come as you are.* ≡
LEAVE CONNECTED.



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EMMANUEL IS A TEACHING PARISH!



Beloved Emmanuel,

I am thrilled to tell you that we will once again host an intern discerning Holy Orders for this coming program year – Lauren Rigsby! Lauren is already experienced and formed as a pastoral presence. She has a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School. Lauren brings extensive leadership and pastoral capabilities in her role as the

Director of Mission and Chaplaincy at Tufts Medicine Lowell General Hospital where she has worked as a chaplain for almost 11 years. This is Lauren's first year as a Postulant for Holy Orders in our Diocese. I am excited to see how you all support her growing discernment and how she changes us as we learn from her. Lauren's first Sunday with us is September 13th. Join me in an enthusiastic, loving Emmanuel welcome!

Grateful to God! Brett+

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week beautiful flowers grace our altar. We have openings on September 20th and we have openings on October 18th and October 25th. Donations in any amount towards altar flowers are always welcome to help defray expenses to the church's flower budget. If you would like to remember or celebrate your loved ones with flowers on the altar, please speak to Lisa Ventura 781-526-9777 or contact the church office eecw@verizon.net.

Please note: We will return to our regular two-service schedule (8:00 AM and 10:00 AM) on Sunday, September 20th.

10:00 AM COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

As we return to our Fall schedule of two services on **Sunday, September 20th**, hosts for the 10:00 a.m. coffee hour are needed and appreciated beginning then! We have guidelines to make hosting easier for everyone.

If you can host, sign up on the sign in the Narthex or the clipboard at coffee hour. Questions, please contact Colleen Moran at colleenm781@gmail.com or Lisa in the office at lventura@emmanuelwakefield.org. Thanks!

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE HELP

Are you interested in helping at our worship services? We invite you to consider volunteering to support our Sunday morning ministries as a reader, litanist, lay eucharistic minister or usher. New and longtime members are encouraged to join this important ministry. Please talk to Rev. Brett or Lisa in the church office.

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.

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The most needed item for the month of September is Boxed Pasta.

HELP STOCK OUR LITTLE FREE PANTRY!

Please help stock our Little Free Pantry! Some suggested items:

Canned goods: vegetables, chicken or tuna, soup or fruit.

Dry foods: pasta, rice, beans oatmeal, crackers, macaroni & cheese.

Other items: peanut butter, jelly, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, salad dressings, powdered milk.

Please Note: All pantry items must be:

- Shelf-stable (non-perishable) • Sealed
- Able to withstand high temperatures



THANK YOU! You can leave items in the Little Free Pantry Box in the Narthex or the box in the church office.



LIFE AT EMMANUEL

MINISTRY FAIR

Come see what makes Emmanuel, Emmanuel.



THERE'S MORE HERE THAN
YOU MAY KNOW



WORSHIP



OUTREACH & SERVICE



CARE AND COMMUNITY



FORMATION & LEARNING



WELCOME & CONNECTION

COME AND SEE.

Sunday, September 27
After both the 8AM
and 10AM services

Wander. Ask questions. Meet
people. Discover something you
didn't know about Emmanuel.

No sign ups required.



PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Sunday, September 6	8:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	10:00 AM	Lemonade & Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Nominating Committee
Tuesday, September 8	12 Noon	Wakefield Interfaith Clergy
	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, September 9	2:00 PM	Wardens' Meeting
	5:30 PM	Celebration of New Ministry The Rev. Isaac Martinez, Trinity Melrose
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday, September 10	6:00 PM	Communications Team
Saturday, September 12	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, September 13		Welcome Sunday!
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Blessing of the Backpacks
	11:15 AM	Parish Photo
	11:30 AM	Parish Picnic

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



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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES *to Gather!*



Sunday, September 13th – Welcome Sunday!

Blessing of the Backpacks
Welcome Back Choir
Parish Photo
Parish Picnic



Sunday, September 20th

Return to two services at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Kids' Club Begins



Sunday, September 27th

Sundae Sunday
Ministry Fair during Coffee Hour



Sunday, October 4th

12:30 p.m. – Blessing of the Animals



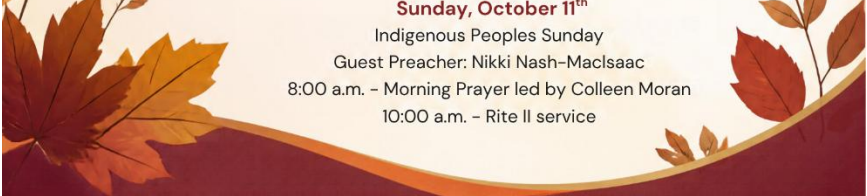
Thursday, October 8th

Soul Suppers Return



Sunday, October 11th

Indigenous Peoples Sunday
Guest Preacher: Nikki Nash-MacIsaac
8:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer led by Colleen Moran
10:00 a.m. – Rite II service



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

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.



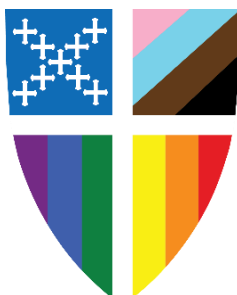
OUR MISSION:

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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