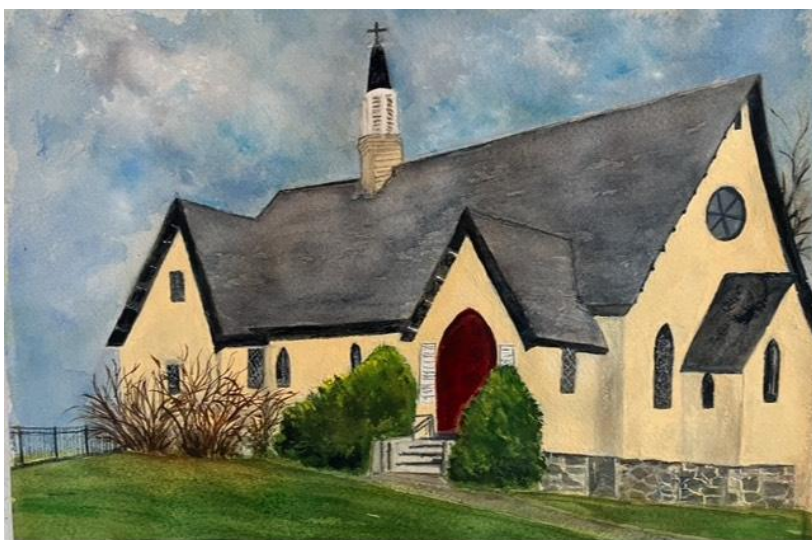


Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 27, 2026
10:00 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. Childcare and Kids' Club are available most Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. service 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 Meditation on King's *Weston*

Vidas Pinkevicius
(b. 1976)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #450 vs. 1-3 & 6

All hail the power of Jesus' Name

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 * 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 * 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vinc, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

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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

Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King,

al - might - y God and Fa - ther, — we wor-ship you,

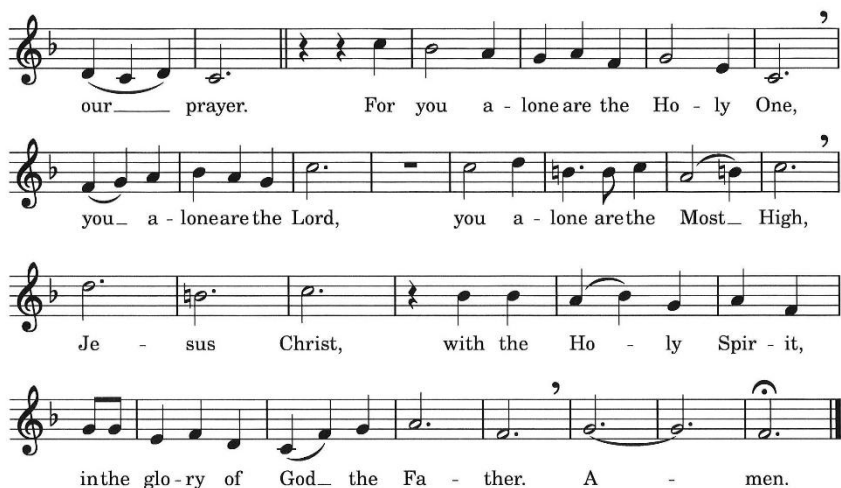
we give you thanks, we praise you for — your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, —

Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a - way — the

sins of the world: have mer - cy — on us;

you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: EZEKIEL 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

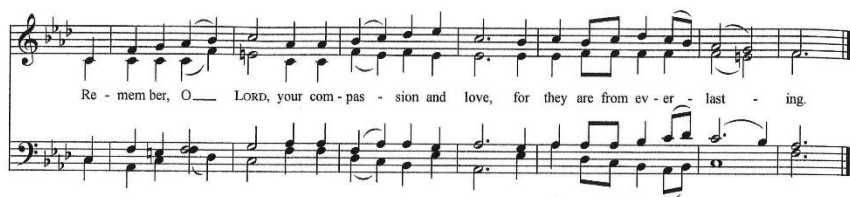
The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-8

The Psalm will be sung by the choir and congregation.

ANTIPHON



ANTIPHON (Choir once, then all sing)

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

ANTIPHON (all)

- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

ANTIPHON (all)

SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let

each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death~
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #435 vss. 1&4 At the Name of Jesus



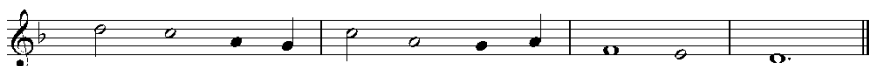
1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 *5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 *6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 21:23-32

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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.

Trusting in God's steadfast love for the world, let us pray for the Church, the nations, those in need, and all creation.

God of grace, strengthen your Church throughout the world. Inspire bishops, priests, deacons, and all the baptized to proclaim your Gospel with courage, humility, and joy, especially our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our own bishops Julia, Ian, and Mary. Bless also Emmanuel's leaders – our rector, staff, vestry, and all who offer

themselves in service. Where we are divided, bring unity. Where we are fearful, grant boldness. Where we have caused harm, lead us to repentance and renewal, so that all people may know the wideness of your mercy.

Renew your Church, O God, and make us instruments of your peace. Amen.

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 give thanks today for the blessing of the many volunteers who faithfully serve in Emmanuel's ministries and in whose honor the altar flowers are given today.

God of justice, we pray for the nations of the earth, and all who exercise authority. Grant wisdom to leaders, compassion to those who govern, and integrity to all entrusted with power. Heal the deep divisions within our own nation. Replace contempt with understanding, fear with hope, and violence with the courage to seek the bonds that unite us.

We remember places torn apart by war, hunger, oppression, and displacement, praying especially for those in the Middle East and Ukraine, whose homes and futures have been shattered by conflict.

Guide the nations into the ways of justice and peace. Amen.

God of wisdom and truth, we pray for our nation, and for all who bear the responsibility of leadership. Guide all who serve in public office to be moved to servant leadership for the common good. Grant them humility to seek wisdom beyond themselves, courage to pursue justice, and compassion for every person entrusted to their care.

In a time of deep polarization and distrust, soften hardened hearts and open pathways to honest dialogue. Teach us to listen before we judge, to seek truth with humility, and to work together for the

flourishing of all people. Strengthen those who labor for fair elections, equal justice under the law, and the protection of human dignity.

Give each of us the grace to remember that we belong first to your kingdom. Amen.

God of abundance, bless our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and local communities. Strengthen those who serve the public good—teachers, healthcare workers, first responders, caregivers, and volunteers. We pray for those struggling with rising costs of living, housing and food insecurity, loneliness, and uncertainty about the future. Help us become neighbors who listen generously, serve faithfully, and welcome all in Christ's name. We also pray for the Esperanza Academy School of Hope, our coffee hour recipient this month.

Open our hearts to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

God of compassion, embrace all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort those who grieve, all who are ill, facing anxiety or depression, recovering from disasters, and whose lives have been disrupted by violence or loss. We pray for refugees, immigrants, our LGBTQ+ siblings, and all seeking safety and dignity. We take a moment of silence to remember especially those on our Parish Prayer list. (*silence*) Give strength to all who care for others and hope to those who feel forgotten.

Be near, O Lord, to all who cry out to you. Amen

God of eternal life, we remember those who have died, giving thanks for their witness and the ways they revealed your love. Comfort all who mourn, especially those whose grief is fresh. May those who have died rest in your everlasting peace, and may we be strengthened by the hope of Christ's resurrection. Today we especially remember Peggy Cox, a longtime Emmanuel Parishioner who passed away on Tuesday.

Receive them into your everlasting light. 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

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (*Philippians*)

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O for a heart to praise my God*
Robert Powell (1932-2025)

*O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free;
a heart that always feels the blood
so freely spilt for me:*

*A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne;
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone:*

*A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from him that dwells within:*

*Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart,
thy best new name of Love.
(Charles Wesley)*

Please stand as you are able

***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 HOLY EUCHARIST - Eucharistic Prayer 2, *Enriching our Worship*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 our thanks and praise.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS A Mass for a Soulful People

Grayson Warren Brown
(1948-2023)





The people stand or kneel.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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. And 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: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

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: 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.

Choir members will receive communion first.

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Teach me, O Lord*

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.
(Psalm 119, v. 33)*

COMMUNION HYMN #439 *What wondrous love is this*

Unison

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Live without fear, your creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you, forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *God be with you till we meet again*

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting of the hymn 'God be with you till we meet again'. The score is written on two staves, a treble staff for the soprano and alto parts and a bass staff for the tenor and bass parts. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with each line corresponding to one of the four parts.

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by his coun - sels
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath his wings pro -
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se - cure - ly fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put his arms un - fail - ing round you:
 float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Words: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880, P.D.

Music (RANDOLPH 9.8.8.9): Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, P.D.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D major*, P. 153

Johann Pachelbel
 (1653-1706)

Please join us after the service for Sundae Sunday in the Parish
 Hall hosted by The Berry Family.

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

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Postulant Intern:	Lauren Rigsby
Lector:	Elizabeth Downs
Litanist:	Audra Bartz
Eucharistic Ministers:	Dawn Jackson and Paul LaSpina
Usher:	Eddie Parsons
Altar Guild:	Dawn Jackson, Jen Morrell and Cynthia Peach
Vestry Greeter:	Eddie Parsons
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*The flowers adorning our altar are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the many volunteers who faithfully serve
in Emmanuel's ministries!*

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Andrew, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, John Claya, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Donna, Peggy Downs, Erica, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, CJ, Ginny Johnson, Jonathan, Chris Kelsey, Linda, Kevin MacKenzie, Mark Martino, Sara Murphy, Muriel Peters, Mo Pollman, Rebecca, Carolyn and Jeff Robinson, Cheryl Russo, Keith Santarelli, Sheila and Josh, Trudy, CV, Amy Walsh, Charlie Wisner, Kelly Wood, and Alan Wright.

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 after each service and during communion at the 10:00 a.m. service.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

In the Diocesan cycle of Prayer, we pray for the churches of the North Shore Deanery: St. Peter's Church, Beverly; St. John's Church, Beverly Farms; All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore, Danvers; St. John's Church, Gloucester; and Essex County Community Organization (ECCO).

JOIN US TODAY!

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.



THE GENEROSITY OF GOD
SEE IT. • KNOW IT. • LIVE IT.

— STEWARDSHIP 2026 —

CALLING ALL 5TH-8TH GRADERS! JOIN US TODAY!

We want to hear from YOU! As you get older and your interests change, we want to know how to best support your Christian formation. We'll talk about your visions, ideas, and goals for the year. We can't wait to hear the amazing ways you want to change the world in the vision of God. Enjoy some ice cream and we will see you after the Ministry Fair.



Kids Korner

Important Dates:

Sunday September 27th: Grade 5-8 meeting after Sunday Sundaes

Sunday October 4th: Intergenerational Service

Sunday October 11th: No Kids Club- Indigenous Peoples' Weekend

Announcements:

We are so excited to kick off another year of Kids Club! This year we will continue to focus on spreading God's love and message in the community through acts of service. As some of our members start to enter middle school we are also looking for ways to engage and educate them in a way that best serves their needs. Please reach out with any ideas and suggestions you may have!



Come be fed!

Join our monthly gathering to feed our bodies & souls. Come for the joy of being together and learning something new—from Scripture to everyday life.

All are welcome. Childcare will be provided!

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 1ST**

DINNER AT 6:00 PM
PROGRAM AT 6:45 PM
EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL
WAKEFIELD

MONEY, MEANING & THE ART OF SEEING

An evening with Garth Johnson

*What does the way we see money
reveal about what we value,
what we fear, and what we trust?*

Through Scripture, conversation, and stories from his own journey, Garth Johnson invites us to look more deeply at our relationship with money and generosity — and what it might reveal about contentment, trust, freedom, joy, and the people we are becoming.



Join us **Thursday,
October 1** for our first
Soul Supper of the
year, **Money, Meaning
& the Art of Seeing,**
with Garth Johnson.

Through Scripture, conversation, and stories from his own journey, Garth will invite us to look beyond the question of simply how much we give and explore something deeper: how our relationship with money and generosity shapes us.

Together, we'll consider questions of contentment, worry, trust, freedom, generosity, and joy, and what our financial lives might reveal about the people we are becoming.

This evening offers another opportunity to go deeper into the themes we're exploring together this fall: learning to see more clearly, understand more deeply, and discover how that seeing might transform the way we live.

Come be fed. Come be curious.

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Please let us know if you are coming by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex or emailing the office. If you can contribute something for the dinner – main or side dish, salad, desserts or drinks, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or by using this QR code:



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!

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. **Can you help?** Please talk to Rev. Brett or Lisa in the church office.

10:00 AM COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

As we return to our Fall schedule, hosts for the 10:00 a.m. coffee hour are needed and appreciated! 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!

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week beautiful flowers grace our altar. We have an opening on 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 lvventura@emmanuelwakefield.org.

CONSIDER THIS YOUR TAP ON THE SHOULDER! WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Every parish runs on the willingness of ordinary people to say yes to extraordinary service. This year, that could be you — or someone you know.

The Nominating Committee — Kim Collins, Dawn Jackson, Beth Martin, Andrea Sullivan, and Brett — has begun its prayerful work of discerning who might step into leadership at Emmanuel for the coming year. And there's real room to grow into: we're seeking a warden (2-year term), two vestry members (3-year term), and several representatives to the Mystic Valley Deanery and the Episcopal City Mission.

Not sure where you'd fit? Come find out on September 27th, when you can explore all of Emmanuel's ministries in one place — find one of us there and we'll talk it through with you.

And if the Holy Spirit is nudging you toward a name — your own, or someone else's — don't wait for the tap on the shoulder. Talk to any member of the committee. *"The LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart"* (1 Samuel 16:7) — so don't rule anyone out too quickly, including yourself.

"Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8). If that's stirring in you, we'd love to hear it.

The slate will be presented at our Annual Meeting on January 24, 2027.



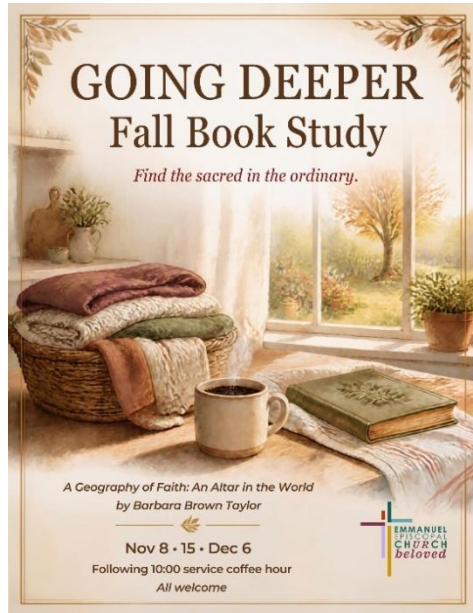
WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

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

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.



Have you ever felt centered or ‘connected’ somehow when on a walk? In your garden? Folding your laundry? Could it be a spiritual feeling, too, whether strong or vague? No doubt you, or someone you know, has expressed sensations of this kind at the peak of a mountain with a glorious view after a hike or viewing the Grand Canyon from the South Rim. Understandable! But might we feel these feelings in our other experiences, too? Like when you misunderstand the GPS and end up driving through a beautiful stretch of the country-side. Or when you feel pain. Or when you are encountering folks in your community running errands.

Intrigued? If so, then please join us in this fall’s book study of *A Geography of Faith – An Altar in the World* by professor and former parish priest Barbara Brown Taylor, led by several members of our parish. Together, we are “Going Deeper” by seeing the events of our daily lives as opportunities to experience astounding grace and love of God. Mark your calendars for **November 8th, 15th, and December 6th** following the 10:00 a.m. service coffee hour. -We’d love to have you join us!



SAVE THE DATE!

Choral Evensong

Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 PM

More information to come soon.

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PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Sunday, September 27	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Ministry Fair
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:15 AM	Sundae Sunday
	11:15 AM	Ministry Fair
	12:15 PM	5 th -8 th Graders Meeting
	6:30 PM	Deanery Meeting-St. Paul's
Tuesday, September 29	6:00 PM	Recovery & Remembrance on the Common
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Canterbury Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 30	9:30 AM	Clergy Day (all day)
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday, October 1	6:00 PM	Soul Supper
Saturday, October 3	4:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, October 4	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II Intergenerational Sunday
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	12:30 PM	Blessing of the Animals

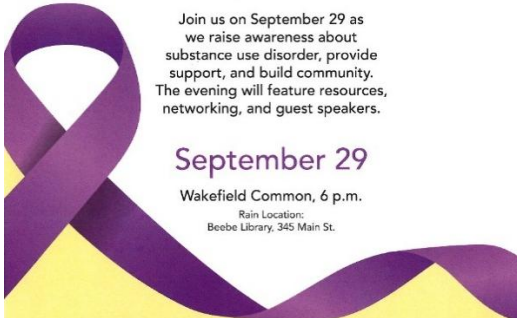
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— SEPTEMBER 29 —

RECOVERY & REMEMBRANCE

— CELEBRATE. SUPPORT. REMEMBER. —



Join us on September 29 as we raise awareness about substance use disorder, provide support, and build community. The evening will feature resources, networking, and guest speakers.

September 29

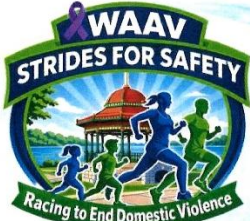
Wakefield Common, 6 p.m.

Rain Location:
Beebe Library, 345 Main St.





WAAV Strides for Safety & Family Fun Day



Join us for a 5k or 10k run or walk around Lake Quannapowitt, leaving from the Lakeside Inn

10/3/2026

8:45am - Kids Fun Run
9:00am - 10K Start
9:10am - 5K Start

- Complimentary beer for all finishers (21+)
- Kids' bounce house
- Face painting
- Food and refreshments
- Family-friendly fun for all ages
- Prizes for all kids registered by 9/5
- Free event t-shirt if you pre-register by 8/31
- No-giveback 50/50 raffle






Scan the QR code to sign up!



**Save the Date:
Emmanuel's 3rd Annual Gala & Silent Auction
November 6, 2026!**

Join us on Friday, November 6, 2026 from 7-9 PM in our Parish Hall for an evening of fellowship, fun, and giving! Tickets are \$25 per person, \$40 per couple, or \$50 for a family.

We Need Your Help!

We're already seeking donations for our silent auction! Gift cards, artwork, handmade items, homemade baked goods, professional services, unique experiences, and wine or gourmet baskets are all welcome. All donations are tax-deductible and donors will be recognized in our auction.

Contact us at fundraising@emmanuelwakefield.org to donate or with any questions. Let's make our 3rd Annual Gala our best yet!



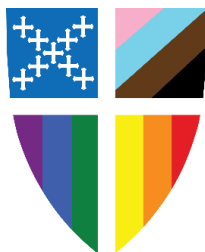
OUR MISSION:

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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Co-Warden: Kim Collins (she/her)	339-224-8455
Co-Warden: Beth Martin (she/her)	781-308-3474

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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