

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 30, 2026
9:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

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 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

*The text of the liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer
beginning on page 323.*

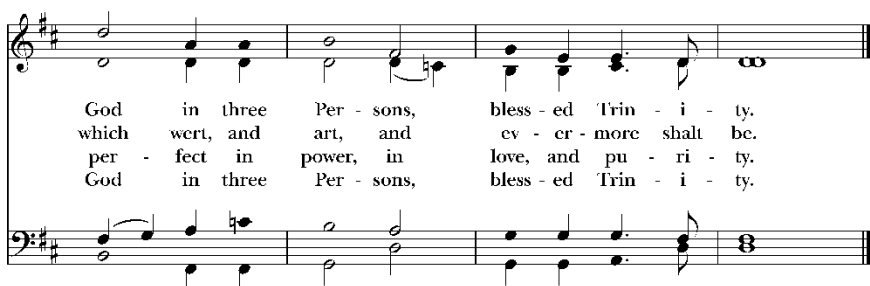
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #362 *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

WELCOME

THE SALUTATION

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 15:15-21

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1-8

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.**

3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

**4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND LESSON ROMANS 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #675 vss. 1,2&4 *Take up your cross, the Savior said*



1	Take	up	your	cross,	the	Sa - vior	said,	if
2	Take	up	your	cross,	let	not	its	weight
3	Take	up	your	cross,	heed	not	the	shame,
4	Take	up	your	cross,	then,	in	his	strength,
5	Take	up	your	cross,	and	fol - low	Christ,	nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave; it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 16:21-28

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON THE REV. BRETT R. JOHNSON

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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 this week.

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 Wakefield Food Pantry, 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.

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. The altar flowers are given today in gratitude to God for the blessing of Gary Wilkins in celebration of his birthday.

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 those on our Parish Prayer List.

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 Tony Rossi in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today.

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 OF SIN

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Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

THE PEACE page 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The community shares a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

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

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER page 339

Please stand as you are able.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

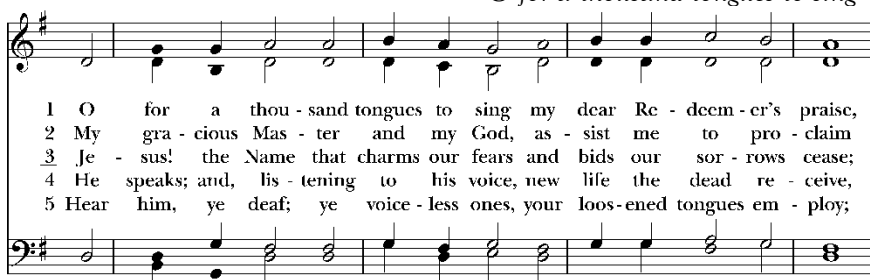
My friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are on this journey with us.

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

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #493 vss. 1,2,3&6

O for a thousand tongues to sing



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

WE GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: 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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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.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Linda Marsh
Litanist:	Kirsten Manville
Eucharistic Minister:	Eddie Parsons & Amy Walsh
Usher:	Chris Chen
Altar Guild:	Faith Hodgkins, Carol Johnson and Erin Nobles
Vestry Greeter:	Beth Martin
Streaming Coordinator:	Kim Collins
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



The flowers adorning our altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Gary Wilkins with love from his family and in loving memory of her dear friend Tony Rossi for his birthday by Amy Walsh.

JOIN US TODAY FOR OUR SUMMER BOOK STUDY!

Join us in the Choir Room at 10:45 a.m. for the final session of our summer book study, *For Such a Time as This* facilitated by Rev.

Brett. We will be discussing Part 4 and the Conclusion of the book, called "Become What You Receive".

All are welcome to join even if you haven't read the book!

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Would you like to have a *Book of Common Prayer* at home? Thanks to the handiwork of parishioner, Dave Sullivan, we have some older BCP books available for the asking. If interested, please let Lisa in the office know - eecw@verizon.net or 781-526-9777.

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Darryl Abbey, Andrew, Donna Boudreau, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Donna, Peggy Downs, Eric, 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, Kristin Schomer, Trudy, Amy Walsh, Charlie Wisner, Kelly Wood, and Alan Wright.

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!

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week beautiful flowers grace our altar. We have openings on September 6th and 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.

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PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

Sunday, August 30	8:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:00 AM	Lemonade & Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Summer Book Study: <i>For Such a Time as This</i>
Monday, August 31	6:00 PM	Fundraising Team
Tuesday, September 1	6:00 PM	Stewardship Team
Wednesday, September 2	4:00 PM	Adult Formation Team
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Mission & Outreach Team
Thursday, September 3	6:00 PM	Communications Team
Saturday, September 5	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, September 6	8:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	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.

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+

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 box in the Little Free
Pantry Box in the Narthex or the box in the church office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE 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 am & 10:00 am

Kids' Club Begins

Sunday, September 27th

Sundae Sunday

Ministry Fair during Coffee Hour (more info to come)

Sunday, October 4th

12:30 p.m.- Blessing of the Animals

Thursday, October 8th

Soul Suppers Return



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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