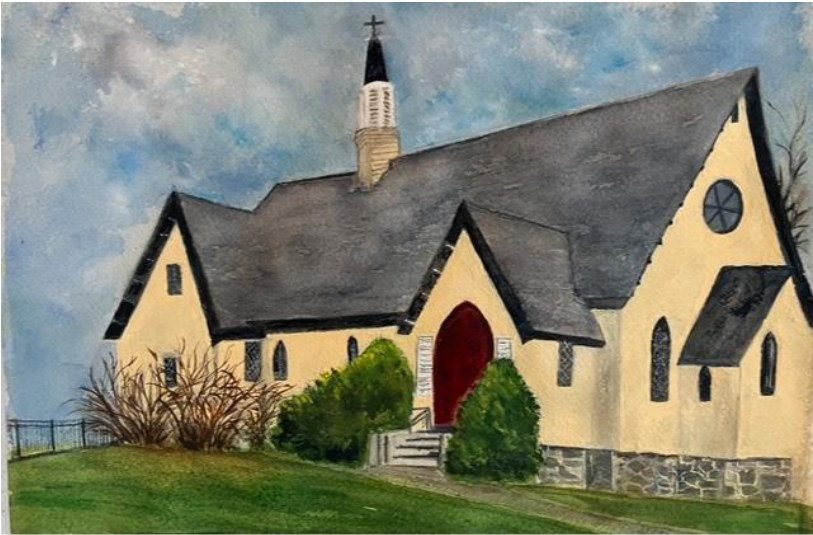


Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 20, 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.

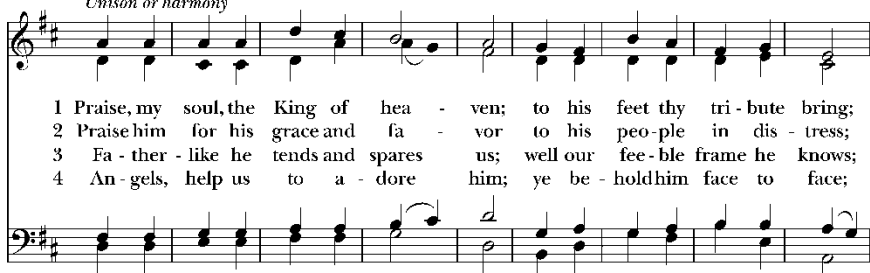
*As we prepare our hearts for worship, we kindly ask that you please
silence your cell phones. Thank you.*

PRELUDE Meditation on *Pleading Savior*

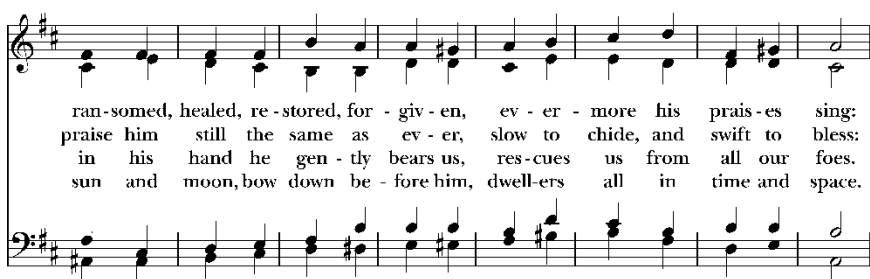
Robert Powell
(1932-2025)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #410 *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

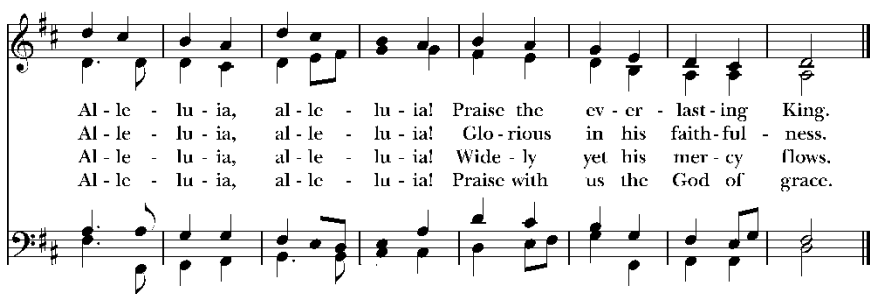
Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Descant for use with unison singing



4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).
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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

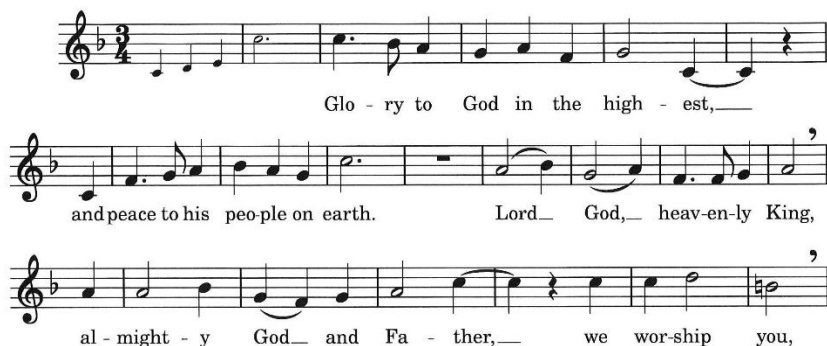
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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)



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

our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: JONAH 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and

which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:1-8

The Psalm will be sung by the choir and congregation.

ANTIPHON



ANTIPHON (Choir once, then all sing)

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

ANTIPHON (all)

- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

ANTIPHON (all)

SECOND LESSON PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well~ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #470 vs. 1&3 *There's a wideness in God's mercy*



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more gra-cies for the good;
 There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer-cy with the Sa-vior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor-rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 20:1-16

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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.

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. Intercede we pray for those affected by the flash floods in Nepal with over 5,000 still missing.

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. We especially remember Angie Brandl in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today.

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

Stewardship

BLESSING OF THE STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

God who sees us,
before we name what we will give,
teach us to see what you have already given.
Open our eyes to the people, gifts, work, love, and grace
that make this community what it is.

Help us see what is flourishing,
what needs tending,
what we have overlooked,
and what might yet become possible.

Bless these cards, and the discernment they invite.

Free us from comparison, fear, and obligation.

Give us instead gratitude, wisdom, courage, and joy
as each of us considers what you have entrusted to us
and how we are called to respond.

May we see your generosity,
know more deeply what it asks of us,
and live generously in return.

The blessing of God, the Creator, the Liberator, and the Inspiration
be with us and in us. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *God be in my head* John Rutter (b. 1945)

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;*

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.
Sarum Primer, 1514

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 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)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ ho - ly, ho - ly, _____

ho - ly Lord God _____ of hosts _____

Hea-ven and earth _____ are _____ filled with your glo - ry,

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

Bless-ed is He who _____ comes in the name _____

of the Lord _____ of the Lord, _____

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

ho - san - na in _____ the _____ high - est.

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.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

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.

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 WLP #778 *We all are one in mission*

1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the Soprano part, and the piano accompaniment is in the right and left hands. The lyrics are written below the vocal parts.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
 the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955). Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Voluntary on *Lauda Anima* Marianne Kim (b. 1972)

**Please join us after the service for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
hosted by Faith Hodgkins and Andrea Sullivan.**

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 Rigbsby
Lector:	Darryl Abbey
Litanist:	Pat Brandl
Eucharistic Ministers:	Paul LaSpina and Nicole Russo De Souza
Usher:	Nikki Nash-MacIsaac
Altar Guild:	Joanne Crowe and Nicole Russo De Souza
Vestry Greeter:	Kim Collins
Streaming Coordinator:	Pete McCann
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



*The flowers adorning our altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving
memory of her cousin, Angie Brandl, by Pat Brandl.*

Cover art by Karen Keough

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Andrew, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, John Claya, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Donna, Peggy Downs, Dutchy, 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).

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE HELP

Please consider supporting our Sunday morning worship as a reader, litanist, lay eucharistic minister, or usher. We welcome both new and longtime members to this important ministry. **We need an usher next Sunday, September 27th at the 10 AM service! Can you help?** Please speak with Rev. Brett or Lisa in the church office.

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.

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 —

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.



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.

SEE IT • KNOW IT • LIVE IT

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!

Centering prayer begins tomorrow, September 21st in the Parish Hall. Please join us! All are welcome!

Centering Prayer

An Interdenominational Practice of Silence & Presence



First and Third Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Emmanuel Wakefield | 5 Bryant St, Wakefield MA

Together, we set aside the noise and busyness of everyday life and make space to rest in God's presence. Each gathering begins and ends with scripture or another sacred reading, includes gentle guidance and conversation, and offers 20 minutes of shared silence.

Whether Centering Prayer has been part of your spiritual life for years or you are simply curious about contemplative prayer, you are welcome. No previous experience is needed.

Our co-leaders come from First Church UCC, Emmanuel Episcopal, Trinity Episcopal, and Rolling Ridge Retreat Center, bringing together companions from different Christian traditions to learn, practice, and grow together.

For more information:

Mary Muir · mmuirwellness@gmail.com

Sandra · sandy.laperche@gmail.com

"To the quiet mind all things are possible." — Meister Eckhart

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

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



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!

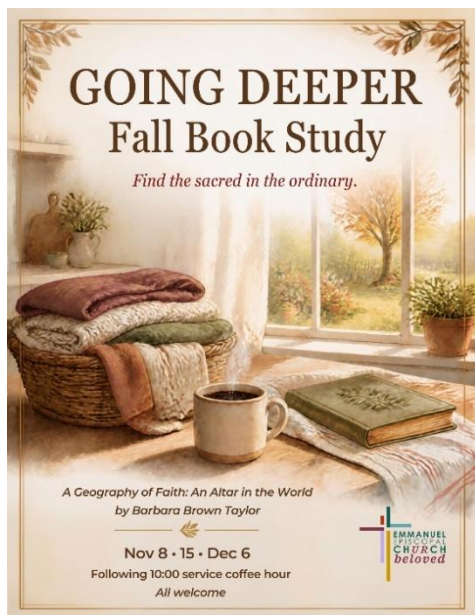
CALLING ALL 5TH-8TH GRADERS!

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. Join us after the Ministry Fair on the 27th in the parish hall for Ministry and Sundae Sunday – yes, there will be ice cream! 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.

EMAIL SCAMS

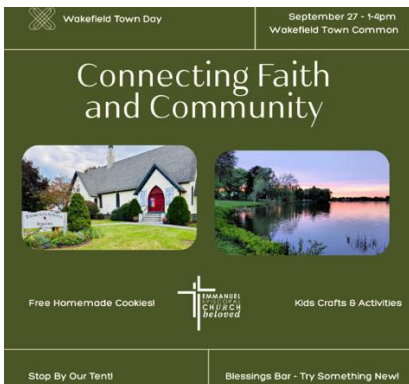
We continue to hear from parishioners who are receiving emails that appear to be from Rev. Brett or other members of the vestry or church staff. These messages often ask for donations, gift cards, personal information, or parish directory details.

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!



JOIN US AT WAKEFIELD'S ANNUAL

Our parish is excited to participate in Wakefield's Annual Town Day on Saturday, September 26, from 1-4pm, and we need your help to make our presence a blessing to our community!

Mark Your Calendars – Come visit our booth and enjoy this wonderful community celebration. It's a perfect opportunity to connect with neighbors and share the welcoming spirit of our parish.

Volunteers Needed – We're looking for friendly faces to help staff our booth throughout the day. Whether you can spare an hour or the whole day, your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Calling All Bakers! – We're planning to give away homemade cookies as a sweet welcome to visitors at our booth. If you love to bake (or even if you don't but are willing to try!), we'd love your contribution.

Ready to Help? Visit our SignUp Genius to see all the ways you can get involved:



Let's show Wakefield the warm, welcoming heart of our parish community!





**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!



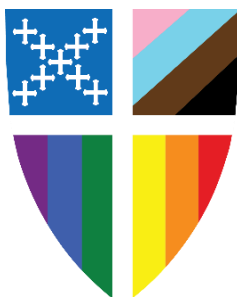
OUR MISSION:

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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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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