Emmanuel Episcopal Church



3rd Sunday After Pentecost

and the 5th Sunday in PRIDE Month

June 29, 2025

We are glad that you are here today — to worship God, renew your spirit, deepen your faith, meet new friends, and find new ways to serve.

Children are very welcome in worship: in the pews, in the chapel Prayground, or in the parish hall!

If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you! We invite you to sign the guest register or scan the QR code at the back of the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.

Full-service bulletins are available on our website along with the weekly announcements: www.emmanuelepiscopal.org. Wi-Fi: Emmanuel Guest - Password: Behold961

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zhoⁿ (O-ga-xpa) and Osage Nations. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that removed these people from their ancestral lands and affirm our commitment to stand with Indigenous communities today as we all work toward racial justice, equity, and liberation for all people.

Opening Hymn: The Church's one foundation (Vs. 1-4) Hymnal 525 The Church's one foun - da - tion Je - sus Christ her Lord: is \mathbf{E} lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth, 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed, Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war Yet she earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One, on 1 she is his a - tion by wa - ter and the word: new cre 2 her char - ter of va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth: sal schi - sms rent her - e - sies dis - tressed; by a sun - der, by she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er more; and mys - tic sweet com - mun-ion with those whose rest won. sought her from heaven he came and to be his ho - ly bride; ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, one yet saints their watch are keep-ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" till glo - rious her long-ing eyes are with the vi - sion blessed, O ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that hap - py ones and we with bought her, and his own blood he for her life died. and one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace dued. to en and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song. and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest. like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

The Word of God

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

People: Glory to God forever and ever.

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.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the book of 2 Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken

from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over. (2:1-2,6-14)

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

Psalm 77 *Voce mea ad Dominum* BCP. pg. 693

1 I will cry aloud to God; *
I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; *
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;
I refused to be comforted.

- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD, * and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts * and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
 who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders * and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, * the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; * your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; * the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, * yet your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

A reading from the letter to the Galatians.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. (5:1,13-25)

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



Before the Gospel: Sing one time | After the Gospel: Sing one time again



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Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (9:51-62)

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.

The Nicene Creed, BCP p. 358

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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader:

Leader: As we weep for the innocent victims of war and violence; as we weep for the

perpetrators of violence and hate; as we weep over our country and world as Jesus

wept over Jerusalem; we cry to you with deep compassion, praying, God of grace..

People: Hear the prayers of your people.

We pray for the church throughout the world, that you may inspire us to act in ways

that bring all people closer to your promised reign of peace:

 For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Valori, Susanna, Jerre, Mandi, Paul, and Warren our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;

• In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Lake St. Louis; we pray for our Connections partner, the Faith Christian Church of India;

 In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar;

 In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mision El Adviento in Carolina;

- In our parish family, we pray for our Vestry and delegates to Convention and for our advocacy ministry with Churches Together for Justice,
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week:

We pray, God of grace ...

People: Hear the prayers of your people.

Leader: For this country, for all nations and their leaders, especially the people of Ukraine,

Sudan, and the Middle East, that you may draw all your children together across lines of religion, sexual orientation, race and all those many ways we separate ourselves

from one another; we pray, God of grace...

People: Hear the prayers of your people.

Leader: For the hungry, the homeless, and the oppressed; for immigrants and refugees, those

living in fear of separation from their home and families, and for all those wounded in

body or spirit; we pray, God of grace...

People: Hear the prayers of your people.

Leader: We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need; in our parish family, we

pray for Mimi and those we name either silently or aloud [pause]; we pray for those who struggle with addiction or difficult demands of daily life, that God may strengthen them in their recovery. For those who serve and are deployed in the armed forces, we

pray, God of grace...

People: Hear the prayers of your people.

Leader: Let us pray for those who have died, gathered into your heavenly realm ..., praying,

God of grace...

People: Hear the prayers of your people.

The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect.

The Confession

Deacon/Priest: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: 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.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus

Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in

eternal life. People: Amen.

The Peace

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes. Christu shanti meetho ellapudu undunnugaka. The peace of Christ be always with you. Y con tu espiritu. Neetho kooda. And also with you.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Those with birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: Somewhere (West Side Story) Words: Stephen Sondheim

Lauren Romano, soloist Music: Leonard Bernstein

There's a place for us, We'll find a new way of living. Somewhere a place for us. We'll find a way of forgiving.

Peace and quiet and open air Somewhere.

Wait for us, somewhere.

There's a place for us,

A time and place for us.

Some day a time for us, Hold my hand and we're halfway there.

Time together with time to spare, Hold my hand and I'll take you there.

Time to learn, time to care.

Somehow,

Some day. Some day,
Somewhere. Somewhere.

The Doxology

The offerings are brought forward as the congregation sings the Doxology to the tune of Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

The people sit, stand, or kneel as is comfortable.

Celebrant: God 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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A proper preface is said here.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, O God, Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

+ Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. + Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

in the language of our hearts,

Our Father, who are 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.

Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

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. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast!

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

This is God's table, where all are welcome to receive communion. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

~ Adapted from the Iona Community invitation

About receiving Communion at Emmanuel:

The fullness of this sacrament is received by taking one or both kinds (bread and wine).

The ushers will guide you to Communion.

Bread: All of our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free, vegan, and dairy-free. The communion

bread will be offered into your hands, not your mouth.

Wine: You may choose intinction (clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine). Please do not

reach into the cup of wine. OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by

the Eucharistic Minister.

Blessing: If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest to receive a

blessing.



Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918). Music: Maryton, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).



Communion Hymn: O Jesus, I

have promised

Hymnal 655



Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt. Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948). Harmonization by permission of Oxford University Press.

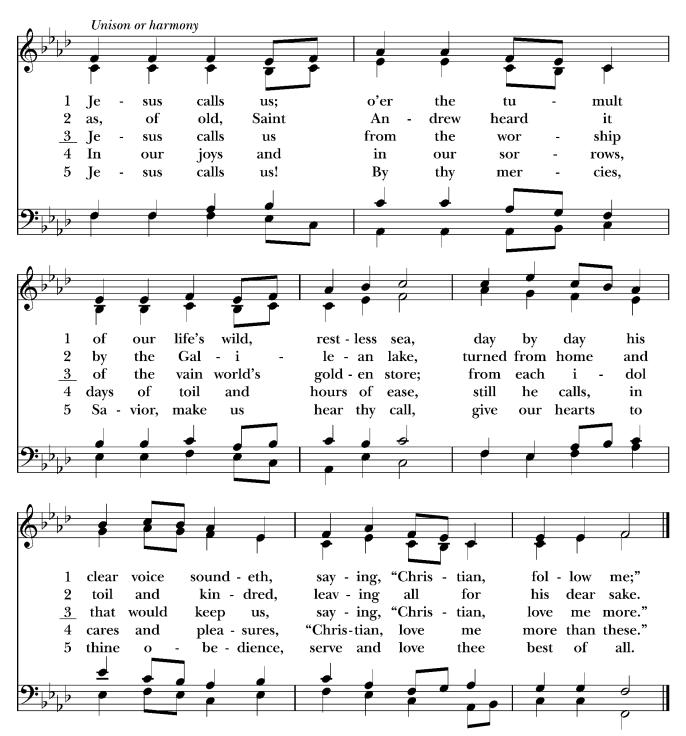
The Commendation of the Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People:

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love... and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP, 365

The Blessing



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Restoration*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. *Hymnal 1982*, after *The Southern Harmony*, 1985; alt. harm. Margart W. Mealy (b. 1922).

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go into the broken places of this world to sow the compassion of Christ. Go into the

hurting places of this world to share the healing of Christ. Go into the lonely places of this

world to be the love of Christ. Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love. Go with God!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Fanfare Emma Louise Ashford

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD AT EMMANUEL - from our online Calendar.

30 јил, мол	5:30 – 9pm6 – 7pm	ASL Classes - DEAF, Inc. Behold Room Women's Book Group Behold Room
2 JUL, WED	8 – 9am4 – 5pm	Bible Study via Zoom International Student Grocery Pickup
3 јиг, тни	10:30 – 11:30am5:30 – 9pm	Eucharist at Orchard House ASL Classes - DEAF, Inc. Behold Room
4 JUL, FRI	All day6 – 6:30pm	Office Closed Independence Day BLM Vigil
6 JUL, SUN	 All day 8 - 9am 9:30 - 10:30am 10:30 - 11:30am 	Pentecost 4 Holy Eucharist, Rite II Holy Eucharist, Rite II Coffee & Conversation

Please check the <u>online calendar</u> for the most updated scheduled events. Thank you!

The Prayers of the People are written by Deacon Jerre Birdsong. The Confession and Absolution are from <u>Enriching Our Worship</u>.

The Dismissal is from a DioMo service.

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OUR DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE that we are called to live in service to others following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior, helping to heal a broken world and preserve God's creation. We believe God calls us to accept and celebrate everyone - LGBTQIA2S+, race/ethnicity, status, age, or ability - no exceptions.

WE WORSHIP in community, in-person and online. Grounded in the Book of Common Prayer, our prayer and music embraces diversity of spiritual life. All are invited to receive Holy Eucharist at God's table and to participate in worship. Children are a valued presence and contribute to worship.

WE SERVE all of God's people in partnership with our local, national, and international neighbors, learning from them and working with them toward true justice and equitable access to God's abundance.







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