

Sunday Service for August 25, 2019

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Our Refuge and Strength” -D. Callender

PASTORAL GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT “Come, All You People”

**Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come, all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come, all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come now and worship the Lord. (*Sing twice*)**

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: We are here to worship the God who created us, and who comes to us in Jesus Christ - But God does not merely “come to us” in Jesus.

All: In Christ, God confronts us, in our casual disregard for the eternal realities of the universe,

One: And in Christ our Risen Savior, God calls us to worship, to confess, and to open our lives to the power of the Holy Spirit to transform us.

All: Therefore, may our pretenses lie shattered before this great God. May we be open without condition to whatever God chooses to say.

• HYMN OF PRAISE #22 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

• PRAYER AT GATHERING (*In unison*)

Loving God: let not our hearts today be hard as stone, but make us soft and pliable as clay. Let not our minds be armored as a fortress, but make us open as an archway. Let us not cling to preconceived assumptions, but relax our hands, to let go of all to which we cling. Set us free to hold whatever you might send us. May we not be like rocks, unaffected amid the current, but may we flow with your Spirit, as a fallen leaf floats lightly on the surface of the stream.

• SILENCE

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

• A TIME OF CHRISTIAN GREETING

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Awesome God” (*See insert*)

CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)

(*Children may return to their seats.*)

**Walk with me; I will walk with you,
And build the land that God has planned,
Where love shines through.**

(*Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.*)

SCRIPTURE

Hebrew Scripture: **Psalm 103** (page 554)

Isaiah 58:9b-14 (page 688)

New Testament: **Luke 13:10-17** (page 76)

Hebrews 12:18-29 (page 227)

SERMON “The Fugitive”

QUARTET “Amazing Grace” -arr. J. Horman

(*Jennifer Charpentier, Jean Gmeindl, Chuck Sprague, Gene Detert*)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Lord of the Dance” -arr. J. Behnke

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)
Lord: Through these gifts, and through the lives from which they come, may our light shine so brightly before others that when people see our deeds, they give glory to You. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #561 “It Is Well with My Soul” (*Verses 1 & 4*)

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Here I Am, Lord” -arr. J. Carter

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship. Emanuel now offers online giving with the **GIVE+** program. For more details, please contact the church office or log on to our webpage emanuel-ucc.org and click on the **GIVE+** icon at the bottom of the page.*