

# SUNDAY SERVICE FOR AUGUST 1, 2021

PRELUDE “Prelude and Fugue in C” -J.S. Bach

WELCOME

## • CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

**All: Jesus is the living bread!**

One: Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

**All: Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.**

One: Praise be to you, O Christ, for your compassion for us.

**All: Praise be to you, O Savior, for your steadfast love.**

## • AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(In unison)*

**I believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. I believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God’s human family whatever their race, creed, color, gender, marital status, physical or mental capacity. I believe God’s creation is good, beautiful, sacred, and therefore to condemn any portion of God’s creation is to condemn a portion of God. This is Sin. I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and to make disciples—people willing to live Christ’s discipline of love and justice for all. I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died. I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, the truth that is life for all in Jesus’ name. Glory be to God; Creator, Savior and Holy power of love.**

## • SILENT REFLECTION

## • 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.**

## SCRIPTURE

First Reading **Psalm 103:1-13** *(page 554)*

Second Reading **John 6:24-35** *(page 98)*

SERMON “We Are Living Bibles”

CHORAL ANTHEM “Majesty” -arr. J. Schrader

GREETING TIME *(As we greet each other please be respectful of each other’s comfort level.)*

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(At Emanuel we practice an open communion table so anyone who seeks a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ is welcome to share this sacrament. You do not need to be a member of this church.)*

SACRAMENT: THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving #111 (*Sung by all*)

**Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!**

**Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Señor!**

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

**Gracious God, it is not the ritual that we have shared here that brings you pleasure. It is, rather, what happens in our hearts and spirits as the sacrament was shared. As we conclude this time of sharing, we offer our hearts and spirits to you in love and devotion. We pray that your work of forgiveness and transformation may continue in us as we go from this table. Amen.**

LITANY OF FAREWELL (*See below*)

• CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #439 "God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

• BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" -P. Lutkin

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" (Triumphant March) -arr. S. Karg-Elert

## TODAY'S MUSIC

*Today's music is played and sung to the honor and Glory of God and in celebration and thanksgiving to Pastor Bill's fourteen years of ministry here at Emanuel Church.*

### **Psalm 103**

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and  
mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is  
renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.  
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast  
love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our  
iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his  
steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for  
his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

### **John 6:24-35**

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they  
themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When  
they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when  
did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are  
looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the  
loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures  
for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God  
the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus  
answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has  
sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that  
we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors  
ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from  
heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not  
Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you  
the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down  
from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this  
bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to  
me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

# Order for Times of Passage: Farewell

*We welcome Rev. John Helt, representing the Southeast Association of the Wisconsin, Conference, United Church of Christ. Also participating is Emanuel's Congregational President and Elder Nancy Zaborowski.*

## GREETING

LEADER:

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of farewell with Pastor Bill who is leaving.

## RECOGNITION AND GIFTS

LEADER:

In July of 2007 Emanuel Church, Hales Corners, United Church of Christ called Rev. Bill Utke to serve as Pastor and Teacher.

AUTHORIZED MINISTER:

I thank Emanuel Church, Hales Corners, United Church of Christ, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 14 years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**ALL:**

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.**

AUTHORIZED MINISTER:

I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

## VOWS OF RELEASE

*All who are able may stand.*

LEADER: *(addressing the congregation)*

Do you, the members and friends of Emanuel Church, Hales Corners, United Church of Christ release Bill from the duties of Pastor and Teacher?

**PEOPLE: We do, with the help of God.**

LEADER:

Do you offer your encouragement for *his* ministry soon to begin as Pastor and Teacher of Desert Garden United Church of Christ, in Sun City West, Arizona?

**PEOPLE: We do, with the help of God.**

LEADER: (*addressing the authorized minister*)

Do you, Pastor Bill, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

AUTHORIZED MINISTER:

I do, with the help of God.

LEADER:

Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

AUTHORIZED MINISTER:

I do, with the help of God.

**WITNESS OF THE ASSOCIATION/ CONFERENCE**

*Rev. John Helt address to the Executive Council members.*

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

On behalf of the Southeast Association and the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our association and conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

**OFFICERS: Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER**

*All who are able may stand.*

LEADER:

Let us pray... O God, we give thanks for remembered times when we, together, have shared the life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Pastor Bill in worship, in learning, in service. We pray that he will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as he moves to Arizona, in the name of Jesus the Savior.

**ALL: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

LEADER:

Go now, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.