

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

8:00am & 10:30am



*Marc Chagall  
Moses in the Buirosbes  
heightened with watercolors*

*As we gather before the service begins,  
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.*

*We also ask you to silence your phones.*

## **Morning Prayer – Rite II**

### **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Prelude**

Domine Deus  
*Emmarie Wilson, Soprano*  
*Trish Rooney, Organist*

*Vivaldi*

*(stand as you are able)*

**Processional Hymn**

*Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might*

**Hymn #521**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

### **Confession**

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

*Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.*

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

## **Venite (spoken at 8:00 a.m.)**

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hands are the caverns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come let us bow down, and bend the knee,

and kneel before the Lord our Maker,

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would harken to his voice!

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# The Lessons

## First Reading

### A Reading from Exodus

*Exodus 1:8-2:10*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

### The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

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William Russell  
(1777-1813)



## Psalm 124 (spoken at 8:00 a.m.)

- 1 If the LORD had not been / on our side, \*  
let / Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been / on our side, \*  
when / ene-mies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us / up alive \*  
in / their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have / overwhelmed us \*  
and the / torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the / raging waters \*  
have / gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed / be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a / **prey** for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the / snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, / and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name / of the LORD, \*  
the / maker of heaven and earth.

## Second Reading

### A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

*Romans 12:1-8*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

#### **The Word of the Lord.**

*People: Thanks be to God.*

#### **Hymn**

*God is love*

**Hymn #576**

## Third Reading

### A Reading from Matthew

*Matthew 16:13-20*

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

#### **The Word of the Lord.**

*People: Thanks be to God.*

#### **The Sermon**

The Reverend Douglas Rogers, Deacon

#### **Post Sermon Solo**

On Christ the Solid Rock

*William B. Bradbury*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People (stand as you are able)*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*He descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen*

## The Prayers *(stand or kneel)*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us 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*



### **Suffrages A** *(congregation reads R)*

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. *And grant us your salvation.*
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. *Let your people sing with joy.*
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. *Your saving health among all nations.*
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

**G**rant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **A Collect for Sundays**

**O** God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping especially those on our parish prayer list: Ann, Jan, Byron, Nancy, the victims of gun violence, the people of Hawaii, and for those who have died. I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for those blessings given me and for those celebrating a birthday, especially Mel Miller (08/28). I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray that you will come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you, let me serve you in this life until by your grace, I come into your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**A**lmighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## **Recessional Hymn:**

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*

**Hymn #522**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

## **Postlude:**

Fanfare Antica

*Andrew Moore*

# Announcements

Diane is on vacation from August 23–August 31.

For pastoral needs contact Doug Rogers.

**Book Club will meet via zoom September 12th at 7pm.** September's book is "Many Lives Many Masters" by Brian L. Weiss. As a traditional psychotherapist, Dr. Brian Weiss was astonished and skeptical when one of his patients began recalling past-life traumas that seemed to hold the key to her recurring nightmares and anxiety attacks. His skepticism was eroded, however, when she began to channel messages from the "space between lives," which contained remarkable revelations about Dr. Weiss' family and his dead son. Using past-life therapy, he was able to cure the patient and embark on a new, more meaningful phase of his own career. [www.brianweiss.com](http://www.brianweiss.com)

**Sports Sunday at Emmanuel, September 10, 2023** is the date of the first Bear-Packer game of the 2023 NFL season (game starts at 3:15) and it marks the beginning of fall activities. Please dress to support your favorite team in any sport, football, baseball, Nascar, soccer, etc. Prizes will be awarded to a man, woman and child for the most unique, most outrageous attire.

After the 10:30 service, instead of the usual coffee hour, we will host a tailgate party in the Undercroft. Bring your favorite tailgate or snack food to share. Beverages and paper products will be provided. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Rock River Valley Food Pantry. The Packer and Bear barrels are in the Narthex. Please put your donations in either barrel. The pantry will pick up the barrels after September 10 and weigh the food to determine the winner, Packer fans or Bear fans. Reminder: winner is determined by weight, not volume.

**Grief Group:** Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Grief Group will delay it's regular monthly meeting until Monday, September 11.

**The Adult Choir returns to the loft on Sunday, September 10th.** Rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m on Sundays. Please contact Wayne or Trish if you would like to be part of Emmanuel's Music Ministry.

**Save the Date September 21, 2023 4pm Maddox Theater:** Celebrating International Day of Peace Rev. Naomi Tutu delivers a Peace Day lecture followed by the Declaration of Interdependence expo.

4 pm: Maddox Theater - Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu "Striving for Justice: Searching for Common Ground." The International Day of Peace event is hosted by Rockford University's Forum Series and the Jane Addams Center for Civic Engagement.

5 pm: Burpee Center - Regents Hall "Declarations of Interdependence - Rockford Series" Exhibition Tour and Community Celebration w/ Rev. Naomi Tutu.

Please join us for beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

**The Hospitality Committee has planned these events through the end of the year**

September 10 Tailgate Party for Bear/Packer game

November 3 Art Show

December 10 Lessons and Carols

Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

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## Assisting in the Liturgy

**8:00 a.m.      Lector: Maria Mendia**

**10:30 a.m.      Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa**  
**First Reading: Teddy Aribisala**  
**Second Reading: Stacey LaRosa**  
**Third Reading: Stacey LaRosa**  
**Suffrages: Mary Kaul**  
**Ushers: John & Rosa Birnbaum**  
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