

Emmaus Church of Smithville
Drive-In Worship Service
October 18, 2020: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: How Great Thou Art

(Words by Stewart K. Hines)

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, (Refrain)

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin! (Refrain)

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" (Refrain)

NICENE CREED: (Unison)

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8:23-34

MESSAGE: "Believe because Christianity is True"

CLOSING HYMN: I Know Whom I Have Believed

(words by Daniel Whittle)

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

Refrain:

*But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.*

2. I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart. (Refrain)

3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him. (Refrain)

4. I know not when my Lord may come,
at night or noontide fair,
nor if I walk the vale with him,
or meet him in the air. (Refrain)

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

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October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please contact the church office with updates!

10/ 2 Mark Hazley

10/13 Ralph Shaffer

10/ 7 Denise Ptakiwicz

10/16 Hank Rzasa

10/ 8 Connie Whitley

10/16 Bill & Kathie Heuer

10/ 8 Najae Ephraim

10/16 Butch & Becky Sill

10/12 Shirley Higbee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Testament Chronological Reading Plan

Emmaus Church is currently reading through the New Testament. Please join us as we grow in faith together. You can also do this online on the Emmaus Faithlife Group where there will be daily thoughts posted and shared. Please contact the office if you would like a print copy of the reading plan.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive

The UMW of Emmaus is hosting a shoebox gift collection again this fall for Operation Christmas Child, a project of the Samaritan's Purse International Relief Ministry. Information and NEW guidelines on how to pack a Christmas shoebox during the pandemic are available at: www.samaritanpurse.org. Be sure to include a \$9.00 shipping fee in each box – cash or check made out to Samaritan's Purse is acceptable. The collection deadline is *Sunday, November 15th by Noon*. Starting this year, you can also build a Christmas shoebox gift online! Please contact Lenore Duberson or Linda Zarych for more details.

Food Pantry Items of the Month:

Canned Soups & Chili (Low Sodium preferred)
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Cereal (Cold & Hot)

Food Pantry Thanksgiving Collection

The Emmaus Food Pantry is currently collecting food items suitable for Thanksgiving dinners to distribute to local families in need. We are looking for the following items:

Canned Yams
Applesauce
Green Beans
Gravy (Turkey/Chicken)
Canned Pumpkin
Pie Crust Mix

Thank you for your donations! You can deliver items to the Food Pantry on Sundays following worship service or on Tuesdays from 4-6 PM.