

Emmaus Church of Smithville
Worship Service
November 1, 2020: All Saints Day

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: Forward Through the Ages

(Words by Fredrick Lucian Hosmer)

1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain:

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

2. Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.
(Refrain)

3. Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.
(Refrain)

RESPONSIVE READING:

Prayer of Confession, Assurance, & Pardon

**Almighty and most merciful God,
We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore thou those who are penitent,
According to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life;
To the glory of thy holy name. Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,
And will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:1-23

MESSAGE: Dull Hearts

HOLY COMMUNION:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River

(Words by Robert Lowery)

1. Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;*

*gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

2. On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.
(Refrain)

3. Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.
(Refrain)

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.
(Refrain)

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emmaus Charge Conference – Nov. 5th

On Thursday, November 5th, @ 7:30, Emmaus Church will be conducting our annual Charge Conference via Zoom. All Church Council members will receive a Zoom invitation.

Thank You from Pastor Don

Your demonstration of love and appreciation this past month touched my heart. It is an honor and a privilege to be part the Emmaus Church family. May God bless each and every one of you!

Cold-Case Christianity Bible Study

Would you be interested in a Bible Study that teaches you how to be sure that Christianity is true? And, you will learn how to share that with others. This will involve training, not just teaching. Check out the video posted on the Emmaus Faithlife Group or the Emmaus Church Facebook page. For more background go to coldcasechristianity.com. Contact Pastor Don if you are interested.

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.