

Refrain: Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—the saints' and angels' song.

3. Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made, were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry; nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. **Refrain**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: May God lead you to places of rest and renewal; May Christ accompany you on the journey; May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with joy and generosity; And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ and Spirit, descend upon you and dwell in your hearts, and cause you to be released from suffering this day and always.

P: We going contemplating what we need to let out and are prepared when we find it to be free of it by grace. AMEN

CHORAL BLESSING (sung together)

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul. May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day. May God's countenance shine upon you And be gracious to you. May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place. *ccli#262153*

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Emmanuel United Church will be having a picture day on **August 8 & 9** and **September 26 & 27** for our new pictorial directory. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate this event. Please see Cathy Shanahan if interested.



**Completing the New Testament:
Week of May 7, 2017
Philippians 1-2**



**OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday – Thursday
1:30pm – 4:00pm**

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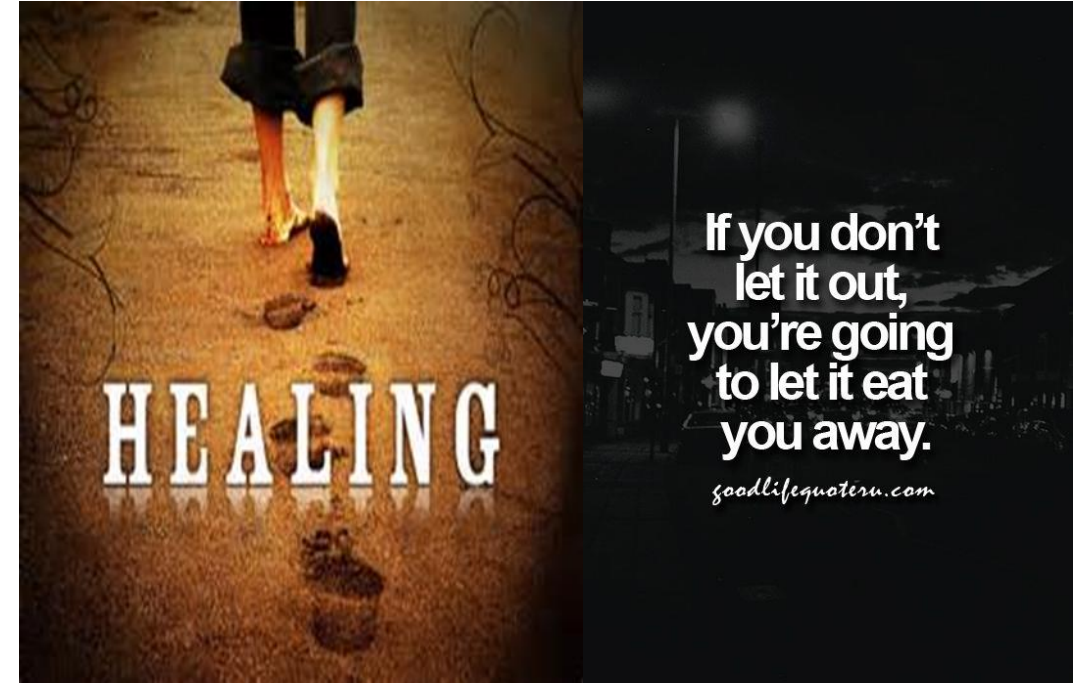
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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**May 7, 2017
10:30 am**



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Nicholas Morvay**

**MINISTER EMERITUS
Rev. Dr. John Palmer**

We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We strive to show our love through service to all humanity.

ORDER OF SERVICE
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: God delights in our faithfulness and desires to be in relationship with us and we with each other

P: We bring our whole selves into the presence of God's Holy Spirit

L: God meets us here as we worship together and is with us at all times.

P: We bring our cares, concerns, worries, and doubts. We come freely unworthy of God's wonderful grace

L: Yet, be assured that we are worthy and loved by God.

ALL: Let us sing and give praise for the love and acceptance we share in God's sight, in our time of worship today and every day of our lives.

HYMN: VU 658 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me God

(Children will come forward)

OPENING PRAYER: Generous and loving God, your steadfast love endures throughout the ages. Generation after generation, you offer renewal and rest to all who are lost or who carry heavy burdens. However far we have strayed, you find us and guide us beside still waters.

ALL: Too often we have withheld forgiveness, kindness and friendship. Too often we are cold and full of judgment. Too often we are distracted by our own desires and plans.

Forgive us for the ways we fall short and renew a right spirit within us

L: Restore our souls, lead us in path of righteousness, and remain with us even in the darkest of valleys. Prepare a table before us and gift us with abundant life.

ALL: You are our hope, life and happiness. At all times and in all circumstances you are perfect grace and endless love and we are moved to worship you as the Creating One, the redeeming Son, and the leading Spirit. Amen.

CELEBRATING LIFE EVENTS

(Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries)

Birthday Song (tune Happy Birthday)

Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessings descend upon you.

Anniversary Song – Bind Us Together

Bind them together Lord, bind them together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind them together Lord, bind them together Lord, bind them together with love.

(Persons are invited to come forward for a blessing)

HYMN FOR BLESSING: VU661 Come to My Heart (v1-2)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children will leave for Sunday School)

INVITATION

The members of the early church sold what they had to ensure that no one would be in need. Let us follow their example and share from what we have to ease the need of others.

OFFERTORY: VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God

DEDICATION

ALL: Generous God, let our offerings, our generosity, and our commitment be a part of the remaking of your world in your image. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU 400 Lord Listen To Your Children Praying

L: Holy and gracious God, shepherd of our lives, we come with thanksgiving for you are our provider and sustainer. You transform our weary and tired souls with your grace, wisdom and love.

P: Holy and powerful God, shepherd of the world, we pray for politicians and judges and for all who form and keep law; for the rulers of the nations who have in their power and responsibility the safety and well-being of your people.

L: Holy and loving God, shepherd of your people, we remember before you all those who suffer.

P: We pray for children, for those who live alone or in crowded dwellings and those with no place to live; for the lonely and the tired, for those with too much to do and those with too little. We pray for all who are grieving a loss or mourning a death.

L: We pray for countries where there is famine and for those where there is waste. Cause all of us to be moved with compassion and do all that we can to help relieve the suffering and save lives

P: For those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, send your word and place your healing hands upon them, in the name of Jesus.

L: In particular, we lift up these situations and persons. My prayer is...

L: Let your goodness and mercy surround us and be upon us all the days of our lives, so we

will dwell in the Lord's Kingdom forever.
AMEN

WORD: Preparing to Listen: Thy Word is a Lamp

SCRIPTURES

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 11:17-44

Last reader: These are the words from the scriptures we love

ALL: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

SERMON: Road to Healing 2: Let It Out

Moment of Quiet Reflection

CLOSING HYMN: The Love of God

(Frederick Lehman, arr. Claudia L. Mays)

1. The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell; It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell; The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; his erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—the saints' and angels' song.

2. When hoary time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall; when men who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call, God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong; Redeeming grace to Adam's race—The saints' and angels' song. **Refrain**