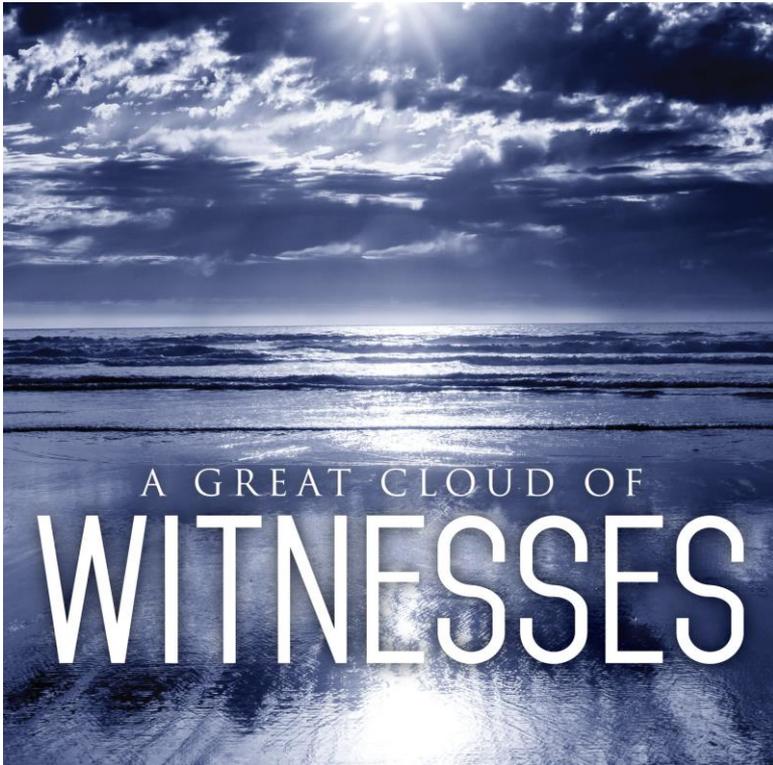


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**Mission Statement:**

*Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others*

**Our Ministers This Morning Include:**  
Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr.  
Director of Music - Organist: Paul Burnside

**2022 is The Year of Vision – Who is God calling us to be?**  
“See, I am making all things new” Revelation 21:5a

Prelude

Paul Burnside

Welcome

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Prayers for Returning to School

L: We thank you Lord for the gift of education in every form. As our youth prepare to start a new academic year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future.

**C: We pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity, knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.**

L: We thank you Lord for the gift of teachers at all levels. As the educators prepare to start a new academic year, grant them patience to endure all the situations that may be presented to them.

**C: We pray they have the ears to hear the requests of their students, and a will to respond to each person’s need. May they face each day with courage, knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.**

L: We thank you Lord for the gift of administration in all areas. As the staffs prepare to start a new academic

year, grant them the wisdom to guide the educational process under their charge.

**C: We pray they have the strength to support the teachers and the students in their academic endeavors. May they face each day with perseverance, knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.**

Gathering Hymn

*“Thy Strong Word”*

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### Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

*“Lord Have Mercy”*

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Canticle of Praise

*“Glory to God”*

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### Prayer of The Day

L: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*Please be seated.

### Anthem

First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says

the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 82

L: God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

C: **“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?”**

L: Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

C: **rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

L: They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C: **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

L: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’”

C: **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Lesson      Hebrews 11:29--12:2

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. <sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L:      The word of the Lord.

C:      **Thanks be to God.**

# Children's Sermon

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

## Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” <sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*Please be seated.

Sermon      “A Great Cloud of Witnesses”      Pastor Mike  
                 Hebrews 11:29--12:2

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn      “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”      #712

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

### Prayers of Intercession

L:      Merciful God,  
C:      **receive our prayer.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Peace

L:      The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C:      **And also with you.**

\*Please be seated.

Offering  
Offertory

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

Benediction

L: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn                      *“O Zion, Haste”*                      #668

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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