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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

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Praise Chorus

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2022 is The Year of Vision - Who is God calling us to be?

"See, I am making all things new" Revelation 21:5a

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Welcome and Opening Reading

Gathering *"I Have a Hope"*

Solo:

I have a hope, I have a future. I have a destiny that is yet awaiting me.
My life's not over; a new beginning's just begun I have a hope. I have
this hope.

All:

God has a plan; it's not to harm me
But it's to prosper me and to hear me when I call.
He intercedes for me, working all things for my good.
Though trials may come, I have this hope.
I will yet praise Him, my great Redeemer.

I will yet stand up and give Him glory with my life.
He takes my darkness and He turns it into light.
I will yet praise Him, my Lord, my God.
My God is for me; He's not against me.
So, tell me whom then, tell me whom then shall I fear?
He has prepared for me great works He'll help me to complete.
I have a hope. I have this hope.
Goodness and mercy, they're gonna follow me.
And I'll forever dwell in the house of my great King.
No eye has ever seen all He's preparing there for me.
Though trials may come, I have this hope.
I will yet praise Him, my great Redeemer.
I will yet stand up and give Him glory with my life.
He takes my darkness and He turns it into light.
I will yet praise Him, my Lord, my God.

Solo:

There's still hope for me today 'Cause the God of heaven loves me.

All:

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'Cause the God of heaven loves me.
I will yet praise Him, my great Redeemer.
I will yet stand up and give Him glory with my life.
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I will yet praise Him, my Lord, my God.
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I will yet stand up and give Him glory with my life.
He takes my darkness and He turns it into light.
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Solo:

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*Please stand in body or spirit

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:12-22

- L: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- C: **The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**
- L: God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
- C: **God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**
- L: A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- C: **The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**
- L: Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- C: **to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
- L: Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
- C: **Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**
- L: Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Song

"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin who knew no sin, that we might become His righteousness.

He humbled Himself and carried the cross.

Love, so amazing, Love, so amazing.

Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names;

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, The ransom from heaven;

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body, the bread; His blood, the wine;

Broken and poured out, All for love.
The whole earth trembled, And the veil was torn.
Love, so amazing, Love, so amazing.
Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, The ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.
All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God, The Light of the world.
Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, The ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all,
The Lord of all, The Lord of all.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of †

Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of The Day

L: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Song

"Come As You Are"

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let the rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure
So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
Lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are
There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home

You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are

*Please be seated

Offertory & Special Music

*There will be no offering collected by the passing of collection plates. Please either place your offering in the boxes at each entry/exit point or continue to give as you have been, by mail, your bank's online bill pay, or our new online giving tool.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing

treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.
³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.
³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Please stand in body or spirit

Song of the Day

"Cannons"

Falling from the clouds

A strange and lovely sound

I hear it in the thunder and the rain

It's ringing in the skies

Like cannons in the night

The music of the universe plays

We're singing,

You are holy, great and mighty

The moon and the stars declare who You are

I'm so unworthy, but still You love me

Forever my heart will sing of how great You are

Beautiful and free

The song of galaxies

Reaching far beyond the Milky Way

Let's join in with the sound
Come on let's sing it out
The music of the universe plays
We're singing,
You are holy, great and mighty
The moon and the stars declare who You are
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me
Forever my heart will sing of You
All glory, honor, power is Yours, Amen
All glory, honor, power is Yours, Amen
All glory, honor, power is Yours, forever Amen
You are holy, great and mighty
The moon and the stars declare who You are
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me
Forever my heart will sing of You
You are holy, great and mighty
The moon and the stars declare who You are
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me
Forever my heart will sing of how great You are

New Testament Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Please be seated

Sermon

“Leap of Faith”
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Pastor Mike

*Please stand in body or spirit

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 the Church

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.

Blessing

L: God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now as we begin this final month of summer, for all those who set out for travel, and all of those returning. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, (+) one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"My Lighthouse"

In my wrestling and in my doubts,
In my failures You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
In the silence You won't let go.
In the questions Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through;

You are the peace in my troubled sea.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
Oh, My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore...,
Safe to shore..., Safe to shore..., Safe to shore.
I won't fear what tomorrow brings;
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
Oh, My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, Safe to shore, Safe to shore.
Fire before us, You're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brightest.
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Fire before us, You're the brightest
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I will trust the promise:

You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, Safe to shore, Safe to shore.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**
