

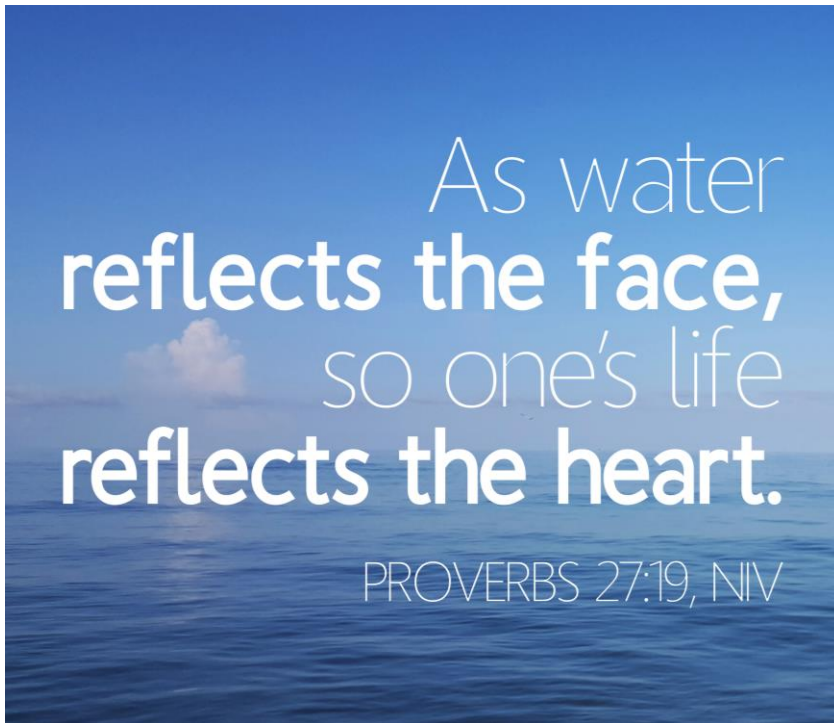
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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

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Pat Thomas..... Bass/Guitar
Rick Lyon..... Guitar

Praise Chorus

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William Obenour, Mackenzie Pryor, Cory Shay, Bethany Rice, Jean Yake*

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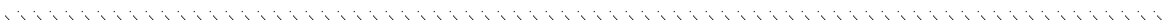
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2023 Congregational Watchword -

**"It is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these
little ones should be lost." - Matthew 18:14**

2023 Theme - What is God Calling Us to Do?



Welcome

Stewardship Temple Talk

Special Music

"Joshua"

Children's Choir

Opening Reading

Gathering

"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.
You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms.
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.

Call to Worship

Psalm 103: 8-13

- L: **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- C: you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.
- L: **You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
- C: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- L: **As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- C: As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

Song

"The Power of Your Love"

Lord I come to you, let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I've found in you.
And Lord I've Come to know the weaknesses I see in me will be
Stripped away by the pow'r of Your love.
Hold me close, let your love surround me;
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.
Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ryday in the pow'r of Your love.

Hold me close, let your love surround me;
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.
Hold me close, let your love surround me;
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.

Watchword Matthew 18:14

P: It is not the will of your Father in heaven

C: **That one of these little ones should be lost.**

Liturgy for Stewardship

P: O Lord, our God, your wisdom and power are beyond our comprehension. Yet our hearts know you intimately. Our love for you and our awe of you join together in our praise to your holy name.

C: **You are the one we turn to when we hear your invitation to be your disciples, when we feel Your call to stewardship. You, O Lord, provide strength and wisdom for each day and hope for the journey.**

P: It is by faith in you that we response to your call to stewardship.

C: **We believe that you are the source of love and provide the resources for loving. We believe that you redeem not only our lives but also our actions so that our small human offerings have divine results. We believe that your Holy**

Spirit empowers us to be all that you created us to be for your purpose.

P: Holy God of all creation, give us vision, love and nerve to respond to our first calling on this earth to care and serve. Show the world by our example how to live each waking hour, as we strive to humbly follow, sharing your creative power.

C: **Yet the call to stewardship can, at times, be overwhelming. The need before us is more than one person can handle alone. We thank you, Lord, for calling us to work as one body. Your Body is made manifest in us as we work together to serve your children.**

P: Lord, may people in our community show your love through their actions. We shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, accompany the elderly, champion the battle with mental illness, and help others become better people. We donate their blood, their sweat, their tears, their personal belongings.

C: **Lord, many people in our congregation generously offer our lives as stewards. We teach your Word, visit the sick and home-bound, provide fellowship for our community, serve as leaders and decision makers, make worship a meaningful experience, and support our ministry in prayer. Many organizations in our congregation and community make up the tangible Body of Christ.**

P: Lord, we thank you for these people whom you have joined together for your purpose. We thank you for people who live what they believe and believe what they live. We thank you for the Spirit of Christ which dwells in us in our congregation and community.

C: **By your grace, Lord, we stand among those who will hear you say, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you**

welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." And we will say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked or in prison."

P: And you will assure us, Lord, with your words, "Just as you have done it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

C: **Into the world Christ sends us, to love like he loved wherever we go. Just down the street, into the cities, crossing the borders of culture as though nothing could keep us away. This is the challenge of our stewardship and our mission.**

P: Into the world Christ Jesus sends us to make disciples wherever we go; teaching God's truth, seeking commitment, welcoming strangers and watching them grow in faith. Warming cold hearts with the flames of God's love.

C: **This is the challenge of our stewardship and our mission. Let us reflect upon our stewardship of God's Kingdom and God's creation.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: **Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the fruitfulness of the land and the seas, and may prosper all who labor therein; that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Song *"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing
Thy grace, Streams of mercy,
Never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love
I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me, And I'll never be alone
Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing, come, Thou Fount of our blessing
Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing, come, Thou Fount of our blessing
O, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above-----

Musical Interlude

Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing, come, Thou Fount of our blessing
Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing, come, Thou Fount of our blessing

Passing of the Peace & Offering

Offertory & Special Music

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 27:17-19

Pew Bible pg. 468

New Testament Reading

James 1:22-25

Pew Bible pg. 854

Song of the Day

"I Will Follow"

All Your ways are good.

All your ways are sure.

I will trust in You alone.

Higher than my sight

High above my life,

I will trust in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go.

Where You stay, I'll stay.

When You move, I'll move.

I will follow You.

Who You love, I'll love.

How You serve, I'll serve.

If this life I lose, I will follow You.

Yeah, I will follow You. Yeah.

Light into the world,

Light into my life,

I will live for You alone.

You're the One I seek,

Knowing I will find all I need in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go.

Where You stay, I'll stay.

When You move, I'll move.

I will follow You.

Who You love, I'll love.

How You serve, I'll serve.

If this life I lose, I will follow You.
Yeah, I will follow You. Yeah.
In You there's life everlasting.
In You there's freedom for my soul.
In You there's joy, unending joy.
And I will follow.
Where You go, I'll go.
Where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move.
I will follow You.
Who You love, I'll love.
How You serve, I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You.
Where You go, I'll go.
Where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move.
I will follow You.
Who You love, I'll love.
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If this life I lose, I will follow You.
Yeah, I will follow You. Yeah.

Sermon

"Reflecting on our Stewardship"

Pastor Mike

Proverbs 27:17-19

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.

Benediction

L: The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Calvary"

The Savior alone carried the cross.
For all of my debts, He paid the cost.
Salvation complete, now forever I'm free.
Calvary covers it all. Calvary covers it all.
My sin and shame don't count anymore.
All praise to the One Who has ransomed my soul!
Calvary covers it all!
No power on earth, not even the grave,
can separate us from mercy and grace.
He is faithful to save;

Oh, His blood never fails.

Calvary covers it all! Calvary covers it all.

My sin and shame don't count anymore.

All praise to the One Who has ransomed my soul!

Calvary covers it all!

No one but Jesus could make us pure as snow.

We stand in Your freedom.

Calvary covers it all. Calvary covers it all.

My sin and shame don't count anymore.

All praise to the One Who has ransomed my soul!

Calvary covers it all! Calvary covers it all.

My sin and shame don't count anymore.

All praise to the One Who has ransomed my soul!

Calvary covers it all!

All praise to the One Who has ransomed my soul!

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**