

JESUS

FAMILY

MISSION



EMMANUEL COVENANT CHURCH
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LITURGY & PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who Shall Separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**No! In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

FROM: BLUE COVENANT HYMNAL #871

AN OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, let us feast on you and find nourishment for our souls. You are the light of the world, let us follow you out of the darkness. You are the door, let us enter the Father's presence in your name. You are the good shepherd, let us rest in your provision. You are the resurrection and the life, let us find true life and victory in you. You are the way, the truth and the life, let us love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We pray this in your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1

Keep me safe, O God,
for I have come to you for refuge.
I said to the Lord, "You are my Master!
Every good thing I have comes from you."
The godly people in the land are my true heroes!
I take pleasure in them!
Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.
I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood
or even speak the names of their gods.
Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing.
You guard all that is mine.
The land you have given me is a pleasant land.
What a wonderful inheritance!
I will bless the Lord who guides me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I know the Lord is always with me.
I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

PSALM 16:1-8 (NLT)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come. Your 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 that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A CLOSING PRAYER

God our Creator, earth has many languages and much confusion, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly speech. Bring clarity into our lives, that we might be vibrant witnesses to the good news. Kindle in us the fire of your love so that everyone, everywhere, may unite in one song of praise. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forever. Amen.

God loves you, and so do !!

SCRIPTURE READING 2

After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him. But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

Therefore Jesus told them, "My time is not yet here; for you any time will do. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil. You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come." After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee.

However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not publicly, but in secret. Now at the festival the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking, "Where is he?"

Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man."

Others replied, "No, he deceives the people." But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the leaders.

Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. The Jews there were amazed and asked, "How did this man get such learning without having been taught?"

Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him. Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

"You are demon-possessed," the crowd answered. "Who is trying to kill you?"

Jesus said to them, "I did one miracle, and you are all amazed. Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a boy on the Sabbath. Now if a boy can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing a man's whole body on the Sabbath? Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly."

JOHN 7:1-24 (NIV)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What is something you noticed for the first time?

What questions did you have?

Was there anything that bothered you?

What did you learn about loving God?

What did you learn about loving others?

How do you imagine Jesus? What is his personality like to you? What does he look like?

Have you created Jesus in your own image?

Who are you reading/listening to that helps you expand your view of who Jesus is? (People of different races/ethnicities, from different countries, with different church backgrounds).

What is Jesus saying to you right now?