



# *The Emmanuel Epistle*

*Learn, Love, Serve*

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**Sunday Worship Service at 9 a.m.**

## ***We are The Episcopal Church***

Emmanuel, like so many other churches around the country, is standing on a ledge between what was and what will be. I had a conversation with a visitor this past Sunday, a mom, her husband and their 4-year-old son, came to visit Emmanuel. The mother shared with me that she and her husband have been members of the Evangelical Church, but since they've had their child they have been questioning the values and mission of the Evangelical Church. The Evangelical Church tends to be more conservative socially and culturally, and their theology is grounded in being good in this life so one can go to heaven in the next. The mother, who is Latina/Hispanic, has experienced racism within the Evangelical Church as well. The mother communicated to me that the values of that denomination no longer align with what she and her husband believe, and they don't want their son growing up in that kind of church environment.

But she wants her family to be part of a church community. She has been researching denominations and found The Episcopal Church (TEC). A church with a progressive outlook theologically as well as socially and culturally, TEC seems like it would be a good fit for her and her friends, 40 somethings with children, who are leaving the Evangelical Church and looking for a community more inclusive, loving, and open.

We, as the church, however, have done a poor job evolving with the times in order to stay in step with what the population between the ages of 30 and 45 need. This is a group of people who want a supportive community, and one that is active with ministry in the surrounding community. They want an inclusive community, that is diverse and welcoming of all people regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity. They want to raise their children in a place that doesn't just talk about Jesus but walks the walk of Jesus in their church community and the wider community as well.

This is who we are at Emmanuel, an ever-evolving community of love and compassion, inclusion and diversity, where people can find hope and engage in service that is meaningful in our surrounding communities. We are The Episcopal Church and all are welcome.

Peace, Rev. Holly

### ***Senior Warden's Corner***

by Marian Corral

#### **The Prayer**

Lord, thank you for all you do in our lives. I am truly grateful for all you have provided me. From my friends to my family, you are always blessing me in ways I can't imagine or completely understand. But I feel blessed. Lord, today I lift up to you my church. It is the place I go to worship you. It is where I learn about you, and so I ask for your blessings over it.

My church is more than a building to me, Lord. We are a group that lifts one another up, and I ask that you give us the heart to continue in that way. Lord, I ask you to bless us with the desire to do more for the world around us and for one another. I ask that those in need are identified by the church and are given a helping hand. I ask that we reach out to the community where you see fit to help. Most of all, though, I ask that you bless us with the resources to fulfill your mission for our church. I ask that you give us the ability to be great stewards over those resources and that you guide our hand in using them.

Lord, I also ask that you give us a strong sense of your spirit in our church. I ask that you fill our hearts with all that you are and direct us in ways that we are always living in your will. I ask that you bless us in our direction and point us toward how we can do more in you. Lord, I ask that when people enter our church they feel you all around them. I ask that we remain hospitable to each other and to outsiders, and I ask for your grace and forgiveness when we slip up.

And Lord, I ask for the blessing of wisdom on our church leaders. I ask that you guide the messages that come out of our leader's mouths. I ask that the words uttered among the congregants be ones that honor you and do more to spread your Word than to harm relationships with you. I ask that we be honest, yet uplifting. I ask that you guide our leaders to be examples to others. I ask that you continue to bless them with servants' hearts and a sense of responsibility to those they lead.

Lord, my church is one of the most important things in my life, because it brings me closer to you. I ask for your blessings on it, and I lift it up to you. Thank you, Lord, for allowing me to be a part of this congregation — and a part of you.

In your holy name. Amen.

This prayer says it all for me. Emmanuel and all of you hold a very special place in my heart. I am truly blessed.

Marian Corral  
Sr. Warden

## ***From Your Treasurer***

by Kimberly Nordstrom

Hello Emmanuel Friends!

The first half of the year in 2022 showed a net loss of \$28,898.95.

We have income for several sources, most importantly Tithes and Offerings, but also renting out our facility, large donations from very generous donors, as well as the endowment given to Emmanuel by John Voss. For the first half of this year, our total income was \$143,734.13.

Like most of you can relate, the church's expenses have also increased. Through June our total Expenses were \$172,633.08. This compares with the total for 2021, which was \$148,014.23. Not much has changed substantially, but the cost of materials and services, and our Mission Share Fund has increased.

As we have all noticed our congregation has decreased in size ... we are a small-church with big-church obligations. We continue to give to those in desperate need, maintaining our beautiful grounds and facilities, and the personnel that are working so hard to make Emmanuel Episcopal Church run so efficiently. We all need to see if we can do more. I know that is difficult, but the giving of more time and/or money will go a long way to get us through these challenging times. Maybe the 'doing more' lies in inviting friends and neighbors to visit, getting more members to join our loving family.

Thank you for your continued support of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, we have an amazingly generous community that I am so thankful for.

Peace be with you!

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## ***The Order of the Daughters of the King***

### ***'God With US' Chapter at Emmanuel***

Congratulations, to **Stephanie Fekkers, Marian Carrol** and **Patty McDanel**, who made their vows and were admitted to the international of The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) on June 4th, 2022. Emmanuel is blessed and enriched by their addition and commitment through prayer, service, and sharing God's love.

We celebrated their inducted into our local chapter on July 3rd, 2022. A member of the St. Andrews chapter from St Andrews in Fullerton joined the service.



Members of The Order of the Daughters of the King® are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven, both lay and ordained, who desire a closer walk with the God. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others. We are strengthening our daily walk through spiritual practice and the support and companionship of our sisters. Even though we are part of an international order, we serve the local parish at the direction of our priest.

Each parish can have a chapter of the DOK. The “God With Us” chapter is the local chapter at Emmanuel. We serve the priest and parish through prayer, fostering spiritual practice, sharing the love of God.

Becoming a member of DOK is a lifelong commitment and practice that begins with at least 6 months of discernment and study. You will recognize any DOK member by the cross they wear.

Deborah Cantwell  
President of the God with Us chapter,  
Emmanuel, Fullerton

## **Collect Corner**

by Carolyn Cardamis

The Episcopal Church, part of the worldwide Anglican Church, uses the word “collect” instead of prayer. A collect is simply a prayer meant to gather the intentions of the people and the focus of worship into a succinct prayer.

All of the collects more or less fit a pattern that was developed—and some would say perfected—by Archbishop Cranmer in the first Book of Common Prayer (1549). The form of collects is actually quite simple.

1. There is an address to God and to his character or actions in the world on our behalf.
2. There is a request.
3. There is an invocation and doxology.
4. And there is the “Amen.”

We are adding a new page to the Epistle this month. We are calling it “Collect Corner” by Carolyn Cardamis. Carolyn has been putting her talents as a poet to writing collects. She will be sharing them with us, right here, every month. Enjoy!

### **Collect #23**

Dear Heavenly Father,

In your mighty grace and power

You transform our souls.

You give us new eyes and ears.

We see the Christ in every man, woman and child.

We hear Christ's cry for love in every man, woman and child.

How sweet are the souls that see the mirror of God all around them.

How sweet are the souls that radiate His Presence.

Rejoice in the Lord always.

Amen

## Emmanuel Calendar for September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 - 11:00pm EKKO Church	2 7:00 - 11:00pm EKKO Church	3 9:00 - 10:00am Men's Bible Study
4 9:00 - 10:30am Emmanuel Sunday Service 2:00 - 8:30pm EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	5 7:00 - 8:30pm Evening Bible Study	6 10:00am Women's Bible Study	7 7 pm Taizé service	8 7:00 - 11:00pm EKKO Church	9 7:00 - 11:00pm EKKO Church	10 9:00 - 10:00am Men's Bible Study
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