



# EMMANUEL CHURCH

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

*We share our home, building a vibrant, loving community.*

September 4, 2022

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Meditation on *Brother James' Air*

Harold Darke

HYMN 391

*Before the Lord's eternal throne*

## THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES, *Book of Common Prayer (red) page 355*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA: Hymn S278

William Mathias

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant :* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. *-Jeremiah 18:1-11*

*Lector: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God**

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

sung by the people, led by the Musicians Circle



- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and **known me**; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from **a far**.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my **resting-places** \*  
and are acquainted with all my **ways**.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my **lips**, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it **altogether**.
- 4 You press upon me behind and **before** \*  
and lay your hand **upon me**.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for **me**; \*  
it is so high that I cannot **attain to it**.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost **parts**; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's **womb**.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously **made**; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it **well**.
- 14 My body was not hidden from **you**, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the **earth**.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your **book**; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was **none of them**.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O **God!** \*  
how great is the **sum of them!**
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the **sand**; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like **yours**.

## THE SECOND READING

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*-Philemon 1-21*

*Lector: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE: Hymn 12

*The golden sun lights up the sky*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all

who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

-Luke 14:25-33

*Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

THE NICENE CREED, *Book of Common Prayer, page 358*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form I, *Book of Common Prayer, page 383*

CONFESSION, *Book of Common Prayer, page 360*

THE PEACE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY, *Book of Common Prayer, page 830 #50*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem

*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*

Brother James' Air

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me! My thirsty soul desires and longs within thy courts to be; my very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for thee. Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest; how happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest, and happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim's quest. They who go through the desert vale will find it filled with springs, and they shall climb from height to height till Zion's temple rings with praise to thee, in glory throned, Lord God, great King of kings. One day within thy courts excels a thousand spent away; how happy they who keep thy laws nor from thy precepts stray, for thou shalt surely bless all those who live the words they pray.*

- Paraphrase of Psalm 84

Presentation of Gifts: Hymn 380, Stanza 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,  
praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer C, *Book of Common Prayer, page 369*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS: Hymn S128

William Mathias

FRACTION ANTHEM: S158

*O Lamb of God*

Healey Willan

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *Book of Common Prayer, page 364*

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Aria on a Chaconne*

Joel Martinson

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *Book of Common Prayer, page 366*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN 541

*Come, labor on*

POSTLUDE

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*Volunteers assisting in worship today..*

*Readers:* Andy Ross, Nick Brown

*Intercessor:* Jere Wells

*Ushers:* Debbie DeAscentis, Mary Twichell

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*From your Rector*

(as printed in this week's Constant Contact eNewsletter)

We've been talking over these past weeks about climate change, and its role in causing migration as people seek resources and flee climate change's life-threatening effects — fire, drought, floods, food scarcity, and rising oceans. In some places in the world, migration leads to war and conflict over scarce and diminishing resources. Then that war and conflict further challenge resources, creating a rapid downward spiral. Even in our country's relatively stable political and economic environment, climate change affects us all, is caused primarily by the well-resourced countries, affects the least resourced and especially the island communities most, and is the most important issue we all have together. As island dwellers ourselves, we feel this directly. In fact, Rhode Island is the first among the lower 48 states to see a 2 degree Celsius (3.6 degree Fahrenheit) rise in our average temperature, and Aquidneck Island, our home, has already seen shoreline effects.

Some of you may know that I have been serving on a small diocesan committee studying potential future uses of the Cathedral block in Providence. Early in 2022, Bishop Knisely recruited lay and clergy leaders with experience in finance, real estate, and project development to work with Denham-Wolf, consultants based in New York who have helped other dioceses in The Episcopal Church create a decision pathway for their cathedrals and surrounding real estate. In addition to then Diocesan CFO Dennis Burton, and incoming Diocesan CFO Ed Biddle, the committee consisted of Della+, Scott Avedisian, Lora McFall, Peter Lofgren, and Bill Hatfield.

We met once a week, for two hours each time, for around 12 weeks concluding in June to complete our process of analysis and make a report to Bishop Knisely. We have continued our meetings following the conclusion of the consultation to prepare our report to Convention. Some of you may have responded to the survey distributed by the committee in the spring on your views respecting the Cathedral Block. And of course our conversations included concerns related to land use and the effects of climate change, not only in the state's business and economic profile, but also in its actual coastal and waterfront shape. Given our conversations in sermons and newsletters over these past weeks about the climate emergency, you might be interested to see some of the climate resilience planning that the State of Rhode Island has prepared. Please visit [www.RIchamp.org](http://www.RIchamp.org) to find this information. If we make changes in how we think about single-use plastics, compost, and fuel use at Emmanuel, will that make all the difference the world needs? Maybe not, but I think it could make a world's difference in each of us.



#### FREE FLU SHOTS

Nursing staff from *Visiting Nurse Services of Newport and Bristol Counties* will be coming to Emmanuel Church to provide our parishioners with flu shots on Sunday, October 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (after the 10 a.m. service). *Visiting Nurse* will be sending a flier with information about this flu shot clinic and we will share this information with you in the Constant Contact eNewsletter once we receive it.