



EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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I wait for the
LORD, my
whole being
waits, and in
his word I put
my hope.

PSALM 130:5



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Blake, Pastor

Welcome to worship at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. It is our hope you will be blessed through our worship together this morning.

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Please observe a time of silence and reflection as we prepare our hearts for worship.

I pray to God—my life a prayer— and wait for what he'll say and do.
My life's on the line before God, my Lord, waiting and watching till morning,
waiting and watching till morning. (*Psalm 130:5-6, MSG*)

Prelude

“Why?”

John R. Moore arr Harold De Cou

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God is waiting for us
All: With a tender heart and a searching question.
Leader: God is ready for us
All: With truth and wisdom from a deep well.
Leader: God is blessing us
All: With springs of living water.
Leader: God is sending us
All: To sing, pray and witness every day.
Leader: God is here--
All: Let the conversation begin.

***Singing to Gather**

#455 Blue

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (vs 1,2,5,6)

Being Honest with God in Confession

Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, we bow before you. We confess our hurry, our busyness, our rushing about. We fight against stillness, against quiet, against waiting. In this day and age, waiting is an inconvenience and stirs in us anger and frustration. Yet, what we need is to wait on you. You have asked us to wait – to be still, to listen, to quiet ourselves, to wait. It is in those moments when we sit in waiting that we are able to hear you, to feel you, to experience your sweet presence. Slow us down, God. Help us to relish stillness, to love quiet, and to embrace waiting. Thank you for your grace as we put this into practice...

(Silent time of Prayer)

Receiving God's Love and Sharing Christ's Peace

***Celebrating God's Grace**

#13 Red

“Bless His Holy Name”

Anthem arr Julie Knowles
“The King of Love”

Children’s Moment Bennett Raub
(Children may be excused for Sunday School)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 130
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Waiting...” Rev. Dr. Jennifer Blake

Mission Spotlight Deacon Ministries Jacque Gallup

***Singing Our Faith** Refer to screen for lyrics
“Out of the Depths”

Offering

Offertory “There Is No Greater Love” John W. Peterson arr Harold De Cou

***Singing Our Thanks** Doxology #625

***Dedicating Our Gifts** *(unison)*
God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you.
All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering
as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort
to all the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Singing as We Depart** #384 Blue
“O Love That Wilt Not Let Us Go”

***Being Sent**

***Sending Response** #535 Blue
“Go With Us, Lord”

***Music as we Conclude** Lani Smith
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*** Please stand if you are able**

REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

Elder-of-the-Day: Laurie Van Dyke
Music Director: Carolyn Blackburn
Organist/Pianist: Michael Ellis
Worship Director: Karleen Johnston
Sunday School: Leah Grinnen
Camera/Sound: John Van Dyke
Ushers: Linda Cicak and Jim Symonds
Hosts: Sing and Ken Carlson

REMINDER FOR NEXT WEEK (3/24)

Elder-of-the-Day: Tom Jenney
Music Director: Carolyn Blackburn
Organist/Pianist: Michael Ellis
Worship Director: Karleen Johnston
Sunday School: Stations of the Cross
Camera/Sound: Ryan Raub
Ushers: Amelia and Brennan Zehr
Hosts: Joyce Herd

