# Sunday, July 20, 2025

# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Jennifer Blake





3839 East Shea Boulevard, Phoenix AZ 85028 602-996-4245 | www.epcchurch.org Welcome to worship at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. It is our hope you will be blessed through our worship together this morning.

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

Here we are, Lord, your people. Though we are sometimes foolish, though we go astray and don't always seek after you, we are still here, and we are still your people. Be with us in this time of worship, and teach us to call on you. Help us to pursue your righteousness, and to know that deliverance comes from you. Let us feel the stirrings of your Spirit this and every day. Amen.

#### Prelude

Grant Tullar arr Roger House

"Face to Face"

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: In Christ, the God of Heaven has made a home on earth.

People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

- Leader: Come now, all who thirst,
- People: and drink the water of life.
- Leader: Come now, all who hunger,
- People: and be filled with good things.
- Leader: Come now, all who seek,
- People: and be warmed by the fire of love.

#### \*Singing to Gather

"O Worship the King"

#10 Red

## Being Honest with God in Confession (unison)

Merciful God, you call us to be salt and light and to live as your righteous, holy people. We want to, Lord, but we fall short! We confess that there is good and bad, light and dark within our own hearts. We want to do what is right, but our fears and anxieties lead us to self-protection rather than vulnerability, to hoarding rather than freely sharing, to selfrighteousness rather than compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore us by your mercy that having received the gift of your infinite love, we might turn to our neighbor and give your love away. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

# **Receiving God's Love and Sharing Christ's Peace**

## **Celebrating God's Grace**

"Blest Are They" (vs.2)

**Special Music** 

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Jenika Raub, Harpist

lyrics on screens

**Children's Moment** 

**Scripture Reading** 

Matthew 25:31-45

### Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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#BLESSED: Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness Matthew 5:6

**Giving Our Gifts** 

Offertory

George Elvey arr Roger House "Crown Him with Many Thorns"

\*Singing Our Thanks

"Doxology"

#625 Red

# \*Dedicating Our Gifts (unison)

O God, through the offering of these gifts may we become a more open people... open-minded in hearing your Word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call for charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.

# Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Singing as we Depart "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"	#371 Red
*Being Sent	
*Sending Response "Go With Us, Lord"	#535 Blue
*Music as we Conclude "Follow Me"	Ira Stanphill
*Please stand if you are able	