

### **Our Stockholm Inn Breakfast Gathering has been cancelled.**

Delta has complicated life once again and we feel compelled to cancel our morning at Stockholm. We are so sorry, but feel it is in the best interest of family and friends. Let's look forward to the next reprieve and another outing!. —The Caring Connection Team

### **OUR MISSION**

"The Grace of God has brought us together

- \* to become Christs
- \* to become the New Community
- \* to be Light and Leaven for the World."

### **OUR VISION**

We are called to...

- \* Study and Practice the Spirituality of Jesus
- \* Live as a Safe and Healing Spiritual Community for all who come, regardless of economic conditions, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or spiritual path.
- \* Become instruments of God's Grace by:
  - Promoting understanding and unity between religious traditions, encouraging healing of the soul and the community through Sacred Arts (chant, ritual, dance, poetry, visual arts, music) and Spiritual practice.
  - Reaching the suffering ones among us through physical and mental health ministries, (food pantry, addiction recovery, refugee and sexual victim support, parish nursing, and holistic counseling.)
- \* Working for racial equity
- \* Working toward the healing and protection of God's Sacred Creation.

### **Emmanuel Lutheran Spiritual Journeys Book Study, Tuesdays, 9:30-11 am**

Please join us at 9:30am in the Celebration or on zoom.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88225771321> We are now reading the 2014 edition of Parker J. Palmer's "Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics worthy of the Human Spirit." You may know of the author, from a Quaker background, writer, teacher, activist, theologian. [https://www.amazon.com/Healing-Heart-Democracy-Courage-Politics/dp/1118907507/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=healing+the+heart+of+democracy&qid=1624982841&s=books&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Healing-Heart-Democracy-Courage-Politics/dp/1118907507/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=healing+the+heart+of+democracy&qid=1624982841&s=books&sr=1-1)

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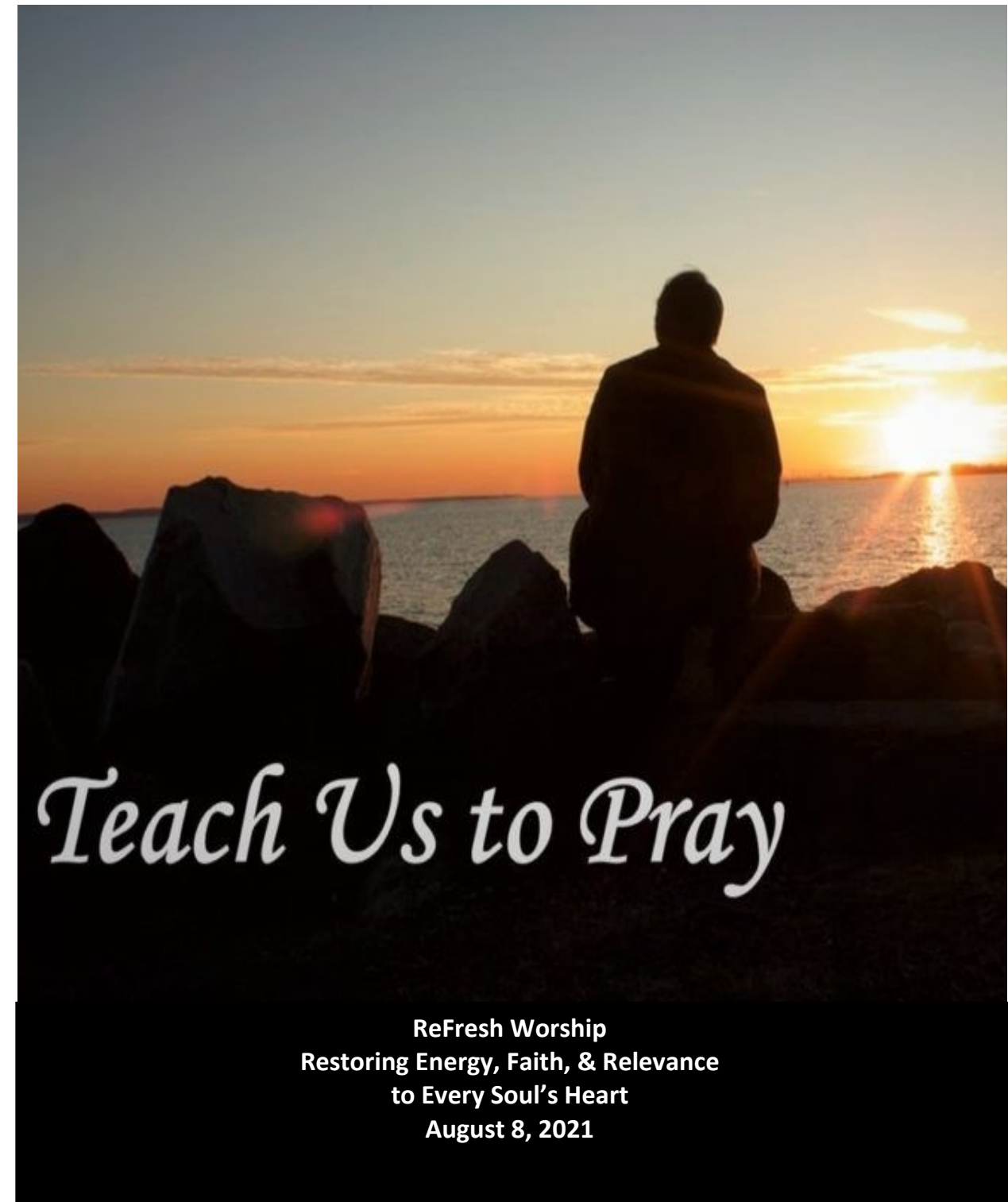
Emmanuel hosts NPR's ON BEING on Zoom every Sunday at 9:00 am.

We listen together, read along with transcript, and pause to share our thoughts.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88058004528>

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Bible Studies: Emmanuel: Wednesdays at noon. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89356888344pwd=dEw2NHVsS0JzYWdxUWdGVVlk3OE5XZz09>



**WELCOME to ReFresh at EMMANUEL**  
**(Restoring Energy, Faith and Relevance to Every Soul's Heart)**

**Special Notice:** For the safety of everyone, we will be complying with the updated CDC guidelines recommending universal indoor masking for ALL people, regardless of vaccination status. Please wear your mask when you come to church.

Welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church! The grace of God has brought us together to be Light and Leaven in and for the World. As a congregation, Emmanuel is committed to following the path of Jesus' spirituality, serving as an oasis of healing, and promoting unity and understanding among religious traditions. Our Food Pantry and Mission House reach out to the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Rockford community. "There is a place...Emmanuel."

Welcome Visitors! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Thank you for worshiping with us. Emmanuel strives to live as a Safe and Healing Spiritual Community for all who come, regardless of economic conditions, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or spiritual path. All are welcome in this holy space.

We invite you to worship with us on Sundays at our 9:00am Traditional Worship Service in the chapel or our ReFresh 10:30am Service either in person or on ZOOM. The zoom link is available on constant contact weekly or in the weekly mailing. If you are not receiving the constant contact weekly, contact the church office at 815-963-4815. The Recorded Service will also be available on Facebook after the completion of the 10:30am Service.

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:**

Matthew Roberts   Ken Toot   Lucio Aldana   Jeff Birch   Karen Johnson

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Presider: Pastor Frank Langholf

Lectors:

Cantor:

Special Music/Accompanist: Tim Fenelon,  
Susan Goldberg, Andrea Mahan, Clea Arbogast  
Coordinator of Adult Music Ministries: Tim Fenelon

Usher: Jack Ream

Greeting Cards: Ann Downie

IT Consultant: Bill Houtkamp

Host Computer: Gary Peterson,

Holly Blair Cascio

Sound: Dillon Witt

Usher: Jack Ream

Greeting Cards: Ann Downie

Altar Guild: Gary & Jan Peterson

**The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer in the Pattern of Jesus —Rev. Nancy Steeves**

**Ground of all being,**

**We honor the many names for our experience of the sacred.**

**May we build a community faithful to the dream of heaven on earth.**

**May there be food for all who hunger this day.**

**May we be forgiven for the falseness of what we have done as we forgive  
those who have been untrue to us.**

**May we not feel abandoned in hard times but find strength to meet each  
moment.**

**For the light of life, the vitality of being is within us and beyond us, now and  
forever. AMEN**

**Sending Song: Pass My Love Around (BC137)**

**1. I have no feet but your feet, do the loving deed;**

**I have no hands but your hands, fill the need.**

**You are my eyes to see their pain you are my heart beat.**

**Do it in my name, rememb'ring who you are!**

**Refrain:**

**Pass my love around, you're my hands, my eyes,**

**I gave you ears to hear their cries.**

**Pass my love around, you're an angel in disguise,**

**For you can make it come alive, for you can make it come alive.**

**2. And when you feel the heartache do the loving deed;**

**And when you see the suff'ring fill the need.**

**You are my eyes to see their pain, you are my heart beat.**

**Do it in my name, respond right from the start! (Refrain)**

**Benediction/Sharing of Peace**

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**Gospel: Luke 11:1-4**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” **2** He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

**3** Give us each day our daily bread.

**4** And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

Presider: This is the witness of an early Christian community.

All: May we find wisdom for our living.

**Sermon: Pastor Frank Langholf**

**Offering**

Presider: We take this time now to offer our gifts and intentions.

**Special Music: Selecton by Clea Arbogast**

**Prayer Song and Response: Christ Our Peace**

**Christ our peace**

**You break down the walls that divide us.**

**Christ our peace,**

**Come make us one body in you.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Date: August 8, 2021**

**Theme: Our vision: To Practice the Spirituality of Jesus**

**Welcome: Pastor Frank Langholf**

**Meditation: Live like Jesus did, and the world will listen. —Mahatma Gandhi**

**Our Community Declaration:**

**Guided by Spirit’s Wisdom, Inspired by Creator’s Imagination,  
Centered in Christ's Love, and knowing that God is our Source,  
Emmanuel is a Spiritual Community that is progressive, inclusive, creative, and  
called to serve.**

**Opening of the Heart**

Christ in my mind

**That I may see what is true;**

Christ in my mouth

**That I may speak with power;**

Christ in my heart

**That I may learn to be touched;**

Christ in my hands

**That I may work with tenderness;**

Christ in my soul

**That I may know my desire;**

Christ in my arms

**That I may embrace without fear;**

Christ in my face

**That I may shine with God.**

**Proclamation of Grace:**

**Presider:** The Good News is we are beloved children of God.  
We live in the promise of Christ, and NOTHING can ever  
separate us from God’s love.

**Gathering Song: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (WOV752)**

**1. I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain:  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2. I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)**

**3. I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I sent? (Refrain)**

**Readings**

**Praying — Mary Oliver**  
It doesn’t have to be  
the blue iris, it could be  
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few  
small stones; just  
pay attention, then patch  
a few words together and don’t try  
to make them elaborate, this isn’t  
a contest but the doorway  
into thanks, and a silence in which  
another voice may speak.

**Second reading—Max Lucado**  
Jesus offers unconditional grace; we are to offer unconditional grace. The mercy of Christ preceded our mistakes; our mercy must precede the mistakes of others. Those in the circle of Christ had no doubt of his love; those in our circles should have no doubts about ours. What does it mean to have a heart like his? It means to kneel as Jesus knelt, touching the grimy parts of the people we are stuck with and washing away their unkindnesses with kindness. Or as Paul wrote, “Be kind and loving to each other, and forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ” (Eph. 4:32).”

**Gospel/Meditation Song: Calm to the Waves (ELW794)**  
**Calm to the waves, calm to the wind,  
Jesus whispers, “Peace, be still.”  
Balm to our hearts, Fears at an end,  
In stillness, hear his voice.**