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## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell  
**and the place where your glory abides.**  
I sing aloud a song of thanksgiving,  
**and recount all your wonderful deeds.**  
Test me, O Lord, and try me;  
**examine my heart and my mind.**  
For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
**I have walked faithfully with you.**

### READING: 1 Kings 3:3-15

<sup>3</sup> Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. <sup>4</sup>The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for

who can govern this your great people?'  
<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup>If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'  
<sup>15</sup> Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. He offered up burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

May we look and perceive, listen and understand,  
**turn and be forgiven.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

## PRAYERS

Let us pray to the Lord, the God in heaven above and on the earth beneath.

O Lord our God, show us your everlasting love,

**that we may serve you from the obedience of our hearts.**

Lead us in the way of your peace,

**that our souls may be restored.**

Fill our imaginations with the wonders of your creation,

**that our minds may reflect your glory.**

Guide us in the way of the cross,

**that we might proclaim the strength of your love.**

O Lord, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant in steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart. Hear us, O God, and keep teaching us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

## BLESSING

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength. Keep these words in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorpost of your house.

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.**

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## Tentative Holy Week 2021 Schedule

- Palm Sunday- We will gather in the parking lot for a Palm Procession at 8:30am. You are welcome to walk around the building (distanced) or to stay in your cars and honk your horns! Worship will continue at 9am (online if red, inside if orange or yellow).

- Maundy Thursday- Dinner Church is one of my favorite things and I will be sharing it with you online! We will eat together, share stories about important meals in our lives, do a liturgy for remembrance of communion, and witness the stripping of the altar. You are invited to make spaghetti so that we are all eating the same thing and have bread, water, a candle and a Bible for the remembrance of communion. If you need spaghetti and sauce, reach out and we can provide it. For the best experience, gather on zoom (it will be shared to Facebook, but it won't be as fun there).
  - Good Friday- A community worship service will be available on Facebook at noon. If we are orange, there will also be a service in person at 7pm.
  - Easter Sunday- We will gather at Meyerholtz Park (1799 W Riverview) at 7am for Sunrise Easter Worship including Holy Communion. Bring a chair and dress for the weather.
  - If we are red- Easter worship will be on Facebook and Zoom at 9am with drive thru communion from 10-11am. Bring your own elements if you would like!
  - If we are orange or yellow- Easter Worship will be at 9am and 11am. Attendance is limited to 60 people per service and therefore RSVPs are necessary. Masks are required and we ask that you distance. Communion will be celebrated at the end of worship in the back of the sanctuary and from 10-10:45am in the elevator room.
- \*Holy Week's determination will be based on the county color as of March 25th.

**EASTER LILIES:** Only Easter lilies are available this year to be purchased for Easter Sunday. The cost will be \$10.00. Any proceeds will benefit the Good Samaritan Fund. An order form is included in this Sunday's bulletin. The order (and check made out to Emanuel Lutheran) can be placed in the black drop box located on the back wall of the church building. Help decorate the altar for Easter Sunday! **The deadline for ordering is March 20.** Any questions, please call Denise Etzler at 814-389-2973.

Link to the order Easter Lilies <https://forms.gle/4XUYD3mveNoZzn3u6>

### **Offering**

If you are interested, you may sign up for Simply Giving through Vanco by contacting treasurer Julie Kohout, or send your offering to Emanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 501, Napoleon, OH 43545. **Please do not send cash in the mail!**

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EASTER PLANTS ORDER FORM

**\$10<sup>00</sup>**

Proceeds will benefit the  
Emanuel Lutheran Good Samaritan Fund

ORDER DEADLINE — March 20, 2021

*Please make Checks payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church.*

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In loving memory of *(deceased)* \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of *(living)* \_\_\_\_\_