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If we have God for our friend, what need we to fear, nothing;
but without his friendship we may be looked on as the most
miserable of men.

— James Newton

The God Who Calls Us Friends

Scripture for Meditation

John 15:15

No longer do I call you servants, . . . but I have called
you friends

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Hymn of Incarnation

From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Saviour of the human race!
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n,
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God, come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
Filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,
Joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again—
I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's transgressions,
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, he fights for me,
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout our souls are free—
Death defeated by Immanuel!

Now he's standing in the place of honour,
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for his own beloved
Till his father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
But the Bride will run to her lover's arms,
Giving glory to Immanuel!

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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

Ephesians 2:11–22

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us

both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Offertory Hymn of Salvation

Our Great Savior

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll;
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my
soul.

J. Wilbur Chapman, 1859-1918

Hymn of Trust

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know Thus saith the Lord.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace.

Chorus:

*Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus
Oh for grace to trust Him more.*

Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing clean sing flood.

Chorus:

*Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus
Oh for grace to trust Him more.
Oh for grace to trust Him.*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end.

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Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Take a moment for self-reflection, and talk with God quietly about your sin and your need for a Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Dismissal for Children

During this next song, children ages 3 – K5 may be dismissed for children's classes downstairs.

Hymn of Love

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love,
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Your glorious rest
above.

Chorus:

*Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust
Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.*

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore,
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He
bore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make
His own,
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the
throne.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest,
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious
Friend,
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never
end.

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Sunday Service Times

9:15 am Family Bible Time
10:00 am Corporate Prayer Service
10:45 am Corporate Worship Service

*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com.

Emmanuel Bible Church is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

—*Brad Baugham, teaching pastor*

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