



## Newsletter Sunday, July 25- 26, 2020

Dear Friends of Emmanuel,

This week at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in West Roxbury we will focus on two scripture readings in the liturgy and Dialogue Sermon. The readings will be from Romans 8: 26-39, Psalm 119: 129-136 and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

A sermon dialogue is an opportunity for us to share our understanding of how God speaks to us through scripture. It is also an opportunity for us to explore our theological understandings together. You are invited to join us.

Themes: Paul writes in his letter to the Romans that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. These are comforting words as many times when it seems everything in our lives is disintegrating the one stable, everlasting, and eternal truth is that God is on our side. For “if God is for us, who is against us?” But there are some troubling parts of the same reading. For instance, “All things work for good for those who love God.” I will share my thoughts on this and parts of the Gospel reading from Matthew in my introduction to the dialogue. The words, “all things work for good” is often used to justify some of our most difficult circumstances and losses. Does Paul mean that all things that happen are good? Are we among the elect? In the Gospel, Matthew gives us more stories about the “kingdom of heaven”. Why? What does it mean?

Join us on Saturday for a live discussion during our Memorial Eucharist at 3:00 pm to observe and or to discuss some of your thoughts. The Zoom meeting will be recorded and available on Sunday morning. (Access details appear in the right column)

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### NEXT WEEK, AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>

Readings: **Exodus 12:1-14**. The directive to the Israelites about how to prepare for the exodus, Passover.

**Psalm 149**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

Rev. Joyce Caggiano

Join **LIVE ONLY** via Zoom for our service this **Saturday, July 25 at 3:00 pm:**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/97761049089?pwd=M2Q2a2lhZmxVQUUpkaXJiN2FaT2tMdz09>

Meeting ID: 977 6104 9089  
Passcode: 507454

**After 5:00 pm on Saturdays, view the TAPED service anytime via our YouTube site:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB\\_XbZ8h9jIdhA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jIdhA)

Have a comment on our service/sermon dialog? We welcome your feedback on our YouTube page. Have a question for next week? Email us at [info@emmanuelwr.org](mailto:info@emmanuelwr.org)

### **BSafe Report:**



We received an overview on the success of BSafe:

- **42 elementary schoolers came to 419 Shawmut for half days of learning and fun.**

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- **42 middle schoolers** came to 31 Lenox for half days of learning and leadership.
- All the elementary and middle schoolers engaged in **virtual learning** in addition to in-person activities each day.
- **160 teens (including 30 JCIT/9th graders) had paid jobs.** They had their second week of 20-25 hours of work with B-SAFE--all virtual--with online programming of art, career panels, social bonding in homerooms, fun competition in trivia night.
- More than **50 young adults had paid full time jobs** supporting young people with their learning, their social growth, and their safety.
- **Nearly 500 tasty lunches were delivered and distributed** each day, to be eaten at home with masks off, some homemade and some from local restaurants.
- More than **300 bags of groceries were distributed** and **close to \$15,000 in direct financial support was distributed to families** who are still feeling the impact of the economic crisis.

**Partners for Week One:**

**St. Stephen's, Cohasset**  
**St John's Hingham**  
**Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill**  
**Grace Church, Newton**  
**St. Paul's, Brookline**  
**Christ Church, Needham**  
**St. Michael's, Milton**  
**Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury**