



Emmanuel Newsletter
Sunday, November 22, 2020

Dear Friends of Emmanuel,

Nov. 22nd is the last Sunday before Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving? This will be a challenge for us this year. More than any other time in our lifetimes have we faced such a strain on our resources and our relationships. Just how do we list our Blessings in 2020?

This Sunday is also recognized in the church as Christ the King Sunday.

Matthew (25:31-46) begins with the phrase, "When the son of man comes... he will sit on the throne of great glory." This narrative is packed with images that are foreign to our lives in America. We don't have kings and queens in the US. We just finished an election for our country's leader! It is one of the reasons I have always dreaded Christ the KING Sunday. I have in the past not seen its relevance.

Today I have come to a new understanding of kingship. For weeks we have been reading Jesus' parables about the 'kingdom'. I asked myself, why do I struggle with the idea of a king when I have been reading about God's KING-dom for weeks? The answer is this, God as *king* is – God's way is above all others! God's way can lift us out of the mire of politics and the oppression of pandemics.

Jesus then takes kingship one step further. He describes it. "Just as you did it to the least of these, you have done it to me." The incarnation is God as one of us. God as *king*; God over all.

It is as intimate as the way we treat one another. It is a joyful celebration of our humanity. Serving the poor, the thirsty, the hungry and imprisoned is serving Jesus, as '*son of man*' or '*king*', how wonderful is that? Serving 'the least of our sisters and brothers' is touching Jesus, our brother and our *king*.

I look forward to in our **Dialogue Sermon, Nov. 21 @ 5:00**. What are we thankful for??? Let's see if we can articulate that.

God's Peace,

The Rev. Joyce Caggiano, PhD

(See page 2 for the live Service Zoom link)



NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 5:00 PM this Saturday, November 21, 2020.

Zoom Service Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96908849506?pwd=amRHU29ZS3AvSHNaQmc4MkdkeiBXdz09>

Meeting ID: 969 0884 9506

Passcode: 607035

After 7:00 pm on Saturday, view the TAPED service anytime via our YouTube site:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jldhA

Have a comment? Email us at: info@emmanuelwr.org



We have surpassed our goal of \$500 for Rose's Bounty Food Pantry!!!

We have surpassed our goal! Thank you, parishioners, and friends of Emmanuel Church for your generosity. We will let you know what the final tally is, as we continue to collect donations.

Again, a huge thank you, to those who have given so far.



Hymns for the Saturday, November 21, Virtual Coffee Hour

We will be singing again for ourselves at our Virtual Coffee Hour again this week, following our live Saturday Zoom service. It is not recorded. Hymns for Saturday, November 21 coffee hour:

535 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

450 or 451 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

481 Rejoice the lord is King



A link was sent in for a recipe for Classic Baked Franks & Beans from New England Today:

<https://newengland.com/today/food/side-dishes/baked-beans/classic-baked-franks-beans/>

Have any easy, yummy recipe to share? Email it to us: info@emmanuelwr.org

And finally, another cartoon from Rev. Joyce:

