



Emmanuel Newsletter
Sunday, January 24, 2021

Dear Friends,

As I write on Monday, January 18, we do not know what will happen during the Inauguration of President Joe Biden. And so, my words are tempered by that lack of knowing. Even without knowing the future, I know that we are a nation that needs to heal. We are becoming something new and I believe it is Good News.

The lessons for Jan 24th help us to engage the newness of our endeavor as Christians and as citizens of the United States. The Lord speaks to Jonah, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." Jonah has to warn his people to change their ways.

In Mark's Gospel John the Baptist has been arrested. Jesus takes over John's ministry and says to the people, "the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news." Then Jesus calls the fishermen and asks them to follow him and delve into new depths to find people instead of fish. 'I will make you fishers of people.'

It is a simple message. Follow Jesus and shout out the Good News. Most of us are like Jonah - a bit reluctant to proclaim that our world is about to change. We are reluctant to put on the mantle of messenger. Let us talk about that challenge in our Dialogue Sermon.

This week we focus on what it means today to follow God's call to proclaim good news. We pray for the courage, inspiration, and confidence we need to be what we are called to be.

Courage, inspiration, and confidence comes when we rest in the assurance that God will get us through and trust in the Lord, as the Psalmist says:

For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
 truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
 my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Joyce Caggiano

JOIN US Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom for our service and dialogue sermon, followed by an unrecorded coffee hour hymn sing!



PRAYER LIST

We ask that you keep in your prayers the following persons: Merilee H; Paul B; Mary D; Beth C; Jenny C; Dianna C; and Joseph C.

(Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names and last name initials will be used.)



NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 5:00 PM this Saturday, January 23, 2021.

<https://zoom.us/j/94315844840?pwd=Ylh2L2VnZmRHV3M0YzdFVTA3ckVTQT09>

Meeting ID: 943 1584 4840

Passcode: 126277

By phone: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jidhA

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



Please note page 4 of this newsletter announcing Emmanuel Church's Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be via Zoom. All invited.



SINGING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

We sing informally during our Virtual Coffee Hour following our live Saturday Zoom service. It is not recorded. We invite you to stick around for the fun after the service.

Among the hymns to be sung this week are:

538 - God of mercy, God of Grace - vs. 1-2

661 - They cast their nets in Galilee - vs. 1-4

653 - Dear Lord and Father of mankind - vs. 1-5.

470 - There's a wideness in God's mercy - vs. 1-3



Please watch/listen to the very moving sermon given by The Rev. Dr. Michael Eric Dyson at National Cathedral on Sunday, January 17, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYMzTGmY5tQ&feature=youtu.be>



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**THE PARISH OF EMMANUEL CHURCH
WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
128th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Sunday, February 28, 2021, 10:00 am
(via Zoom)**

The 128th Annual Meeting of the Parish of Emmanuel Church, 21 Stratford Street, West Roxbury Massachusetts, will be held via Zoom Video Conferencing on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 10:00 am to act on the following:

- 1) The election of Officers of the Parish
- 2) The election of the persons to serve on the Vestry
- 3) The election of two Delegates and one Alternate Delegate to represent the Parish at the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
- 4) The election of five Delegates to represent the Parish in the Neponset River Deanery and such other delegates as may come before the meeting
- 5) The presentation and receipt of reports from all Parish Officers and organizations and, the conducting of such business as may appropriately come before the assembly.

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "Susan M. J." and the second is "John Gooley".

Susan Kryczka and John Gooley, Wardens