



**Emmanuel Newsletter**  
**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

Dear Friends,

*“I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh”* (Genesis) These words were spoken to Noah after the flood. We read them this week in our Old Testament lesson. The readings for the first Sunday in Lent are most often focused on Satan and the power of temptation. This week I hope we can focus on something a little brighter. After all, we have been living in a most difficult year. Let us focus on something higher and brighter, ‘somewhere over the rainbow’.

We all know the story of Noah’s Ark from our childhood, taught in Sunday Schools and in homes with small children and little animal characters and a boat. But the story of Noah is not a child’s tale. It is a story of perseverance and God’s steadfastness. At the end of the sad saga of Noah’s trials, God send the sign of his love, the rainbow. God says my promise is between me and you ... and all flesh – all flesh – everyone. Then God sent us the rainbow as the symbol of this covenant. Today we can look up into the sky and see that rainbow.

The rainbow is a symbol for every living creature – all flesh. When the LGBTQ community adopted the rainbow as its symbol, it acknowledged the universal truth of God’s unwavering care and love for all of us – all of us.

*“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”* – Some of us can probably hear the childlike voice of Judy Garland singing this popular modern song or the silky melo tenor voice of IZ soothing us with the beautiful image of the rainbow. Join our discussion on Saturday, Feb. 20th at 5 pm and let us look upwards together– over the rainbow. What will we find there?

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Joyce Caggiano

**Ash Wednesday is February 17. See links below for access to Ash Wednesday online service:**

- Cathedral of St. Paul, Boston **February 17, 2021 • 12:00 noon eastern time**  
 You can register to receive the Zoom link at <https://www.stpaulboston.org/services2020>  
 Or Dial-in: 1 646 558 8656 to just listen.
- National Cathedral Washington, DC. **February 17, 2021 • 12:00 noon eastern time:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/wncathedral>

Consecrated hosts are now available to use during the Eucharist on Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday in Lent. If you would like consecrated hosts, please sent a message to the website and we will make them available at a pre-arranged site.

**JOIN US Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom for our service, followed by an unrecorded coffee hour.**

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### PRAYER LIST

We ask that you keep in your prayers the following persons: Merilee; Paul; Mary; Beth; Jenny; Dianna; Joseph; Catherine and Brant D; Carla; Maureen; and Louise.

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

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**NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 5:00 PM this Saturday, February 20, 2021.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95810871755?pwd=VEFNcmxLNktYZXU2RXUwejh0WkNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 958 1087 1755

Passcode: 600634

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

[www.emmanuelwr.org](http://www.emmanuelwr.org)

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB\\_XbZ8h9jldhA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jldhA)

Have a comment? Email us at: [info@emmanuelwr.org](mailto:info@emmanuelwr.org)



- Please note the pledge card on page 5 for 2021. In order to produce a budget for the church, we need to estimate pledges for the coming year. If you have not already, please download and fill out the pledge form and either send it to the church or scan and email it to [info@emmanuelwr.org](mailto:info@emmanuelwr.org). Or just email us with your pledge amount. Thank you!
- **LAST NOTICE:** Emmanuel Church's Annual Meeting to be held next Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be via Zoom. All invited. The Zoom Link will be sent out in next week's Newsletter and via email.



Hymns will be sung during our service this week:

Hymn #641 Lord Jesus, think on me

Hymn #448 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high. Verses 1,2,3 & 6

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**WARRANT**

**THE PARISH OF EMMANUEL CHURCH  
WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS  
128<sup>th</sup> 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 28, 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.

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Susan Kryczka and John Gooley, Wardens

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WEST ROXBURY MA 02132  
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I understand that this giving estimate may be modified  
at any time simply by notifying the treasurer

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Signature Date

Pledge/envelope number \_\_\_\_\_

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Tear off and keep this section for your records  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
21 Stratford St  
West Roxbury MA 02132

2021 Pledge: I expect to give to my church during the coming year:

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