

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORSHIP 24 AUGUST 08 - 10:00 AM

Reverend Polly McWilliams

*** If you're comfortable and able, please stand.**

Welcome & Announcements

***Passing of the Peace:** Greet those around your pew, at the end we say in unison: "Who ever you are, where ever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

*Call to Worship

***Prayer of Invocation:** O God, we recognize You are with us because we believe that You care for humble people who seek to follow Your Word. We pray to be open to Your Spirit as we worship this day. Transform us during this hour through Your powerful name, O Jesus; and hear us singing our songs of praise to You, for You *are* Lord of all. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #304

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession in Unison:** O God, we don't like to admit it, but we must confess, when we don't have everything we *want* – often we *think* we are poor. Help us to be more honest about our real needs; so that we don't misuse the power of our resources. We also admit that we don't always declare our love for You, particularly when we conform to the world's standards. In our hearts, we want to be more like Jesus, but our insensitivity to others is nothing like Him. Forgive us and heal our hearts that we can bridge all that would divide us from You or one another. We pray in hope, Powerful Jesus, amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn of Praise: "Not my Brother..." #519

Not my Brother, not my Sister, but it's me, O God,
Standing in the need of prayer; Not my Brother, not my Sister, but
it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.

Children's Time

Transition Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #493

***Scripture Reading:** Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: "The Great Divide" "Pastor Polly"

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offering

***Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God,
all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication:** We give our talents and our treasures to You,
Dear God, because we are happy to do the work of Your Church. We
are confident that many will be blessed by Your love, just like we are.
That's why we sing Your praises all the day long and seek to be
blessings to others, in Your name, Amen

***Closing Hymn:** "Blessed Assurance" #473

* Benediction