

Welcome and Announcements – Robin

Good morning, Everyone.

I am Robin Sloboda and I am one of the pastors on staff here at Emmanuel.

Brendon is on vacation for a few weeks, and I have the privilege to welcome us to our service for the tenth Sunday after Pentecost, or the tenth Sunday of ordinary time.

I have been enjoying the warm summer mornings this year. I have made it a practice to sit on my deck every morning with a cup of coffee to enjoy the beauty all around. Summer comes and goes so quickly I need to remember to enjoy these warm days. I trust that you also have been enjoying the warmth of this season and are finding ways to stay cool.

Over the last few weeks, Brendon has mentioned that the second weekend in September will be Emmanuel's 90th anniversary. The plan is to put together a video with some highlights of Emmanuel's history, as well as reflections from each of you as to what Emmanuel means to you.

We are asking that you send us short video or audio clip with a one-sentence response to the question, "What do you appreciate about Emmanuel Baptist Church?"

Your response could be one word, a phrase, or a complete sentence, but just one, as we are hoping for at least ninety responses. A special email address has been created for that purpose. It's 90years@ebap.ca. It would be helpful for us if you could do this in the next few weeks so we can get working on it early. Rob has mentioned that putting together several video clips will take time, please send them as soon as possible so we have lots of time to work on this presentation.

As always, you can find more information on our website, www.ebap.ca, about ways to connect. Simply click on the banner that says "New Ways of Connecting @ EBC." You can also find a lot of that information in the weekly emails that Jan sends out on Mondays. Remember also to check out the weekly bulletin for prayer concerns and other information about our church family.

I pray as we come together in worship and with hearts full of thanksgiving that God will be gloried and honored by our praises. May our hearts be open to what His Spirit will say to us today through our time together. May we be people who love God and others well, in Jesus name. Amen.

Song – Emmanuel Musicians

Enchanted

This world is enchanted
lean closer to see it
This world is enchanted
dare to breath it in
dare to breath it in

Give us new eyes to see
give us new hearts to feel
Give us new lungs to breath
the wonder underneath
Dare to breathe it in
dare to breath it in
Born and born again

Aaron Niequist

Children's Moment – Beverly

Hi everyone. Today I'm reading a story about one of my favorite events from the Bible. It holds a very important message for all of us. No matter what our age is! It is found in Matthew 18,19, Mark 10 and Luke 18 too!

I'll be reading directly from the "Jesus Storybook Bible" book. I love the way Sally Lloyd Jones tells this story. Listen!

Jesus' friends were arguing. Who was the most important helper in God's kingdom? They wanted to know.

"I am!" James said.

"No you're not!" said Peter. "I am."

"Nonsense," Matthew said. "I'm the cleverest!"

'No, you're not!"

"Yes, I am."

"Yes!"

"No!"

This silliness went on and on like that for some time. You see, Jesus' friends had started thinking they had to do something to make themselves special to Jesus-that if they were the cleverest or the nicest or something, Jesus would like them best.

But they had forgotten something. Something God had been teaching his people all through the years: that no matter how clever you are, or how good you are, or how rich you are, or how nice you are, or how important you are - none of it makes any difference. Because God's love is a gift and, as anyone will tell you, the whole thing about a gift is, it's free. All you have to do is reach out your hands and take it.

So while Jesus' friends were arguing, some people who knew all about getting gifts - in fact, you might say they were gift-experts - had come to see Jesus. Who were they? They were little children.

Jesus' helpers tried to send them away.
"Jesus doesn't have time for you!" they said. "He's too tired."

But they were wrong. Jesus always had time for children.

"Don't ever send them away!" Jesus said. "Bring the little ones to me."

Now, if you had been there, what do you think- would you have had to line up quietly to see Jesus? Do you think Jesus would have asked you how good you'd been before he'd give you a hug? Would you have had to be on your best behavior? And get dressed up? And not speak until you're spoken to? Or...would you have done just what these children did - run straight up to Jesus and let him pick you up in his arms and then sit and listen to your stories and your chats?

You see, children loved Jesus and they knew they didn't need to do anything special for Jesus to love them. All they needed to do was to run into his arms. And so that's just what they did.

Well, after all the laughing and games, Jesus turned to his helpers and said, "No matter how big you grow, never grow up so much that you lose your child's heart: full of trust in God. Be like these children. They are the most important in my kingdom."

Song – Emmanuel Musicians

Your Love Remains

Through the darkness, through the fire
through my wicked heart's desire
Your love remains, Your love remains

Though I stumble, though I falter
through my weakness You are strong
Your love remains, Your love remains

Oh my, my soul it cries
oh my, my soul it cries out
Soul it cries out, soul it cries, it cries out

Through my failure, through my heartache
through my healing, in my pain
Your love remains, Your love remains

Though I stumble, though I falter
through my weakness You are strong
Your love remains, Your love remains

Oh my, my soul it cries
oh my, my soul it cries out

Soul it cries out, soul it cries, it cries out

John Arndt
David Gungor

Community Prayer – Cameo

Good morning! My name is Cameo Rempel and I'll be leading us in community prayer this morning. I miss meeting together with all of you and I hope that you're well. Please join me in the prayer of confession.

We confess to you, Lord,
what we are:

we are not the people
we like others to think we are;

we are afraid to admit even to ourselves
what lies in the depths of our souls.

But we do not want to hide
our true selves from you.

(Silence)

We believe that you know us as we are,
and yet you love us.

Help us not to shrink
from self-knowledge;

teach us to respect ourselves
and affirm our uniqueness and worth;

give us the courage to put our trust
in your guiding and power.

(Silence)

We also confess to you, Lord,
the unrest of the world,

to which we contribute
and in which we share.

Forgive our reliance
on weapons of terror,

our cold indifference
to the needs of others,

our discrimination
against people of different races

our preoccupation
with material standards.

(Silence)

Forgive our being unsure
of the good news about you and from you,

and so unready to tell it,
share it and live it.

Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt
into the freedom and energy
of forgiven people.

And for those who through long habit
find forgiveness hard to accept
we ask you to break their bondage
and set them free
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Baptist Union of Great Britain

God: Father, Son, Spirit, we come before you as one voice and community although we are physically separated today. We acknowledge that You are present with each of us, binding us together across time and space, unifying us in love despite our differences. Thank you.

Triune God, You are our example of perfect love, perfect community, perfect submission, perfect leadership, perfect harmony. Teach us how to be more like You in our interactions with one another that all might see You through our love for each other. We humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness for the times we have not shown each other such love.

In this time of physical separation, continue to give us patience and endurance to both follow the guidelines provincial and municipal leaders set out for us, and to experiment with new, creative ways to care for others. Thank you for the many technological advances that make hearing, speaking with, and even seeing each other possible. Thank you for the beautiful weather that enables us to leave our homes and see our neighbours. Remind us to take full advantage of these gifts.

Good Shepherd, many of us need special care from You today. You know which of us and I know You are already at work. Some of us are physically or mentally ill or drained. Renew us in Your presence. Some of us are mourning the loss of loved ones. Renew our joy. Some of us are worried because of job loss, additional risks associated with

COVID-19, strained finances, damaged relationships, and countless other burdens. Renew our hope.

Great Physician, we bring to You all who are sick or working to heal those who are sick. Continue to give healthcare workers energy, wisdom, and protection.

Yahweh, we remind ourselves today that You are sovereign. We believe that You are making all things new and we trust that You will make all things work together for Your Good and Your glory. We are grateful for the many ways You show us Your character and goodness. We invite you to train our bodies, spirits, and minds to notice how You are at work and revealing Yourself to us each day.

Thank you for the staff, elders, and volunteers you have called to minister in our community. Give them continued wisdom and rest as they serve. Thank you for the brave men and women who lead our city, province, and country. Please help them to know Your will and to lead with hope and courage. Thank you for the neighbourhood you've placed Emmanuel in. Show us what You see here and help us to love the people and land we're surrounded by as You do.

As Robin shares what You've been teaching her with us, give us receptive hearts. We acknowledge that you are in and around us and we look forward to learning more about You. Prompt us. Nudge us. Speak to us now and in the week ahead.

We humbly ask these things in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Reading – Murray Sloboda John 15:1-17

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

⁵ "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

⁹ "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! ¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my

friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. ¹⁶ You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Song – Emmanuel Musicians

Abide With Me

Abide with me
fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers
fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless
abide with me.

I need Thy presence
every passing hour
What but Thy grace
can foil the tempter's power
Who, like Thyself
my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine
abide with me.

Henry Lyte
Justin Smith

Abiding Reflections – Gord and Arlene

(Robin) Please join me in prayer: Jesus, thank you for teaching us how to pray. Thank you for choosing us and calling us to come and follow you. May we be people who abide with you and produce lasting fruit to bring glory to the Father. Continue to help us be open to your presence in our life, and to draw near to you. Help us to know what it means to pray in your name Jesus, Amen.

We are continuing our summer series called “Abide” in which we are exploring the invitation from Jesus to abide or remain in him, as he abides or remains in us. Today, I have the privilege of bringing the message from John 15:16. I have titled the message, An Incredible Promise. Before the message, let's listen to a couple of responses to the question: “What does abiding in Jesus look like in your life?” Today we hear from Gord Wiwchar and Arlene Jorgenson:

(Gord) As I have contemplated this subject over the weeks, many things have come to my mind and I am sure that many more will as I think about it. I will share a small portion with you today.

The first was trusting and receiving all from Jesus. Verse 4 “Abide in me as I abide in you” further strengthens this for me. Here I see the mutual connection with Jesus. This helps me as a reminder to stay connected as Jesus has, does and will continue to provide. My working career is one example of staying connected, trusting and receiving. Over the years, there have been jobs that I believed I was suited for or they were suited for me. I have applied to these jobs and most often, did not even get a first interview. However, almost every job, position or volunteer activity that I have held has come to me in one fashion or another. Within these jobs, there are also reminders that this is where Jesus wanted me to be at this time which is the next bit I will share.

Through these jobs, verse 9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.” has been alive. There have been many people in many situations that I have had opportunities to speak and walk with. Often, time seemed to stand still as we unpacked the hurt or the questions that were the center of our encounter.

Through grace, I have been open to all that have been put in my path and able to leave judgement aside remembering that we are all God’s children and the love he has for all. And this love has been showered upon me in situations where, whether I knew it or not, or wanted to admit it or not, the love of Jesus was gifted to me by someone he put in my path.

(Arlene) Hello this is Arlene Jorgenson, a retired nurse and recent widow. I have to be honest. It’s only been a year since my husband Stu died. I realize that I’ve spent the last year, no probably several years, CLINGING to the vine – clinging for dear life! My whole being could only focus on surviving and I clung to scripture I had memorized in my youth, I could hardly pray. God protected me; my church family sustained me through that season.

This summer of the pandemic has been good for me, forcing me to slow down, work through my grief, and think about the healthy routines I need to start as I adjust to living alone. I’ve committed myself to learning to ‘abide’.

Most mornings I sit on my deck, coffee and journal at hand, my little dog Max on my lap gazing at the beauty and harmony of creation. I follow the Bible App for the verse of the day and a devotional with questions to ponder. I carry on to a devotional plan I’m doing with some friends. We post our comments for each other. I love this way of studying together while social isolating!

I live at Crossmount south of the city. My deck looks out onto 3000 cider apple trees developed by the university for our climate. I’ve learned that you can’t grow a red delicious apple from an apple seed. It will be an apple but not a red delicious apple! All apples are grown by grafting the fancy variety onto a root stalk that is hardier, disease resistant and climate tolerant. I love that visual! It fits so well with David Toth’s encouragement to ‘enter into the Trinity’ and with Brendon’s weekly reminder to be ‘rooted in the Holy Spirit’.

Not surprisingly, I am finding I now crave this ‘abiding’ time each morning. I am experiencing a joy and peace in my life that I haven’t enjoyed for a long time.

Teaching – Robin

An Incredible Promise

Over the last few weeks, as I began to focus on preparing to write the sermon for today, I went back and read again through the Abiding Series starting on June 7th. I was blessed as I read the different thoughts of what abiding means to many of you. Also, I was encouraged and inspired by the different speaker's ideas and teachings of what it means to walk out abiding in Christ throughout our daily lives.

In this sermon, I will be focusing on Jesus' words, "ask in my name." In the book of John, Jesus mentions this statement several times. Our text for today is from John 15:16, but I would like to read Jesus' other declarations as we begin to unpack what He means by "ask in my name." I will be using the New Living Translation for my texts today.

John 15:16: "You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name."

John 15:7: "But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!"

John 14:13-14: "You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!"

John 16:23-27: At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

"I have spoken of these matters in figures of speech, but soon I will stop speaking figuratively and will tell you plainly all about the Father. Then you will ask in my name. I'm not saying I will ask the Father on your behalf, for the Father himself loves you dearly because you love me and believe that I came from God."

Jesus promises in these verses that we can ask for anything in His name, and He will do it. His promise is stupendous and astonishing and extravagant. Indeed, an incredible promise. I believe this is a promise we can trust and claim as we continue to abide in Christ and walk out what He has taught us. God wants us to come before Him in prayer. At times, when we pray, we bring our request before God, we ask, and we hope the prayer will be answered. Jesus said, ask in my name, and you will receive it. We are not to just hope our prayers will be answered; we are to expect and trust they will be answered.

Jesus also taught that when we ask in His name, we will receive, and we will have abundant joy. Another incredible promise. We will be filled with joy and have it abundantly. I am not sure about you, but I really would like the kind of prayer life Jesus promises. To have answered prayers that bring glory to our Father in Heaven and to be filled with joy.

During my teenage years, my parents owned a restaurant in a small town here in Saskatchewan. My father had an account with a local business owner who sold groceries and other items my parents needed for the restaurant when they were unable to get into the city. The owner knew my dad, our family, and others who worked for him well. He also knew what items my father used regularly. For example, if I went in to purchase items not on the list of required supplies, I would have been denied adding them to my dad's account. In my father's name, I would buy items needed for the restaurant. I knew the family business well and what would be acceptable to purchase.

It is kind of like this with our relationship with Jesus. When we use His name in prayer, before our Father in heaven, we will receive what we need. Just like the purchases with the business owner, if we are asking for things that do not line up with the will or character of Christ, then we can not expect to receive what we have asked for.

James 4:3 tells us, "And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure."

When we abide in Christ, spend time in His word and in prayer, we will know the will of God. Our prayers, when they align with kingdom purposes, will be answered. When we walk closely and intimately with Jesus, we will also bear much fruit, lasting fruit. As I reflect upon these words in John 15, what stood out was to remain in God's love. Jesus also said, "that when we remain in His love, we will overflow with joy." Amazing!

What I noticed in these verses is when Jesus wanted to make a point, concerning his incredible and extravagant promises He used an exclamation mark! Like when He said in verse 7, "ask for anything, and it will be granted!" This point ends with an exclamation mark. And in verse 11, "Yes, your joy will overflow!" Again, an exclamation mark. These are incredible promises to claim. Jesus wants us to get it, to understand that when we spend time in His presence, we will have a fruitful prayer life full of answered prayers, and the bonus, we will be filled with joy.

In my life, there are still many prayers that have not been answered, and it is hard to understand at times why. And there are many prayers that have been answered. When we pray in Jesus name, we trust God hears our prayers and we also trust He will answer in His time.

Have you ever wondered why "In Jesus name," is often tacked on to the end of our prayers?

It is worth taking the time to understand the importance of finishing our prayers in His name. When we use His name, we are declaring His authority and power. We are remembering that Jesus is our Mediator and High Priest and He has made a way for God to hear and answer our prayers. We are saying, let Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, just as He taught His disciples to pray. We are His representatives here on earth, and He has commanded us to use His name as we pray, knowing God will hear our prayers.

And when we use "Amen" at the end of our prayers, it does not mean we are simply done or finished. Amen is an ancient Hebrew word, and it is a pronouncement that is firm and has an authoritative meaning, "Yes! So be it! Let this be done!"

What did Jesus mean when He taught ask in My name?

When Jesus says to ask (pray) "in my name," what He means is that we can pray in His authority.

We come to God the Father in the righteousness of Christ. We have no standing before God on our own merit, but we do through Jesus and His right standing with the Father. It is through Jesus merit and righteousness that we can boldly pray in His name. He is our mediator and representative before the Father, and we can depend and trust, He is interceding for us.

Praying in Jesus' name is the same as praying, according to God's will. When we ask God the Father for anything in Jesus name, we can trust He hears us.

1 John 5:14-15 says, "And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for." And Mark 11:24 declares that, "Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

When we pray in Jesus' name, we pray as He prayed on earth. He prayed in faith, not with vain repetitions, and with a forgiving heart. He constantly prayed without ceasing. He was obedient and prayed according to God's will. He was our perfect role model for a fruitful prayer life.

When we pray in Jesus' name, we are praying for things that will honour and glorify God the Father, and Jesus. Agreeing with God's will is the main idea behind praying in Jesus' name and that He will be glorified through our petitions being answered. When we pray in Jesus' name, we are His representatives. When we come before the Father, in Jesus' name, we are asking for His will to be accomplished on earth and for His name to be glorified by our prayers. Just like in my illustration of using my father's account to purchase items that were in accordance with what was needed, and to honour my dad's good name and standing with the business owner. I was a representative for my father. We are representatives for Jesus.

Here are Paul's words from 2 Corinthians 5:20-21, "So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."
We are Jesus' representatives here on earth.

A few thoughts on what praying in Jesus name does not mean:

It is easy to misapply or misinterpret what Jesus is saying in these verses. Saying Jesus' name at the end of prayer is not a magic formula to get what we want, to do so, is not biblical.

Praying in His name is not for our personal gain; it is for the advancement of God's Kingdom and to show God's love to the world. We need to ask for what Christ would want, not what we want or desire. Praying is not a way to get God to do what we want; it is a means God uses to do through us what He desires and wants to accomplish on earth.

Oswald Chambers wrote: "The idea of prayer is not in order to get answers from God: prayer is perfect and complete oneness with God." When we abide and remain close to Jesus, we will be filled with His Spirit. Our hearts will be in tune with what He desires, and we will pray for those things.

Romans 8:26-27 reminds us that, "the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will."

I would like to go back to John 15:16 to unpack a few points that Jesus makes: "You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name."

First, Jesus said, you did not choose me, I chose you. The common practice during Jesus ministry was for disciples to pick a teacher. He reminds them that He is the one who did the choosing. It is the same for us today. Jesus is the one who chooses us and calls us, not us choosing Him.

Jesus' primary purpose in choosing the disciples was so they could produce good fruit to bring glory to God. He also chose them to be on mission for the kingdom, and whatever they asked for in His name was to help complete their mission. Jesus knew the Father would answer their requests. John 15:7 says, "But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!"

Jesus linked being in a close relationship with Him through prayer and obeying His words to bearing good fruit. When we bear good fruit, we will bring glory to God and demonstrates a close relationship with Jesus. When we are faithful to abide in Christ, this brings honour to the Son and to God the Father. The abiding blessings we can claim are answered prayer, bringing glory to God, and being affirmed as a disciple of Jesus.

The good fruit of being in Christ and filled with His Spirit are found in Galatians 5:22, and I find it interesting that love is listed first. As believers, we are called and commissioned to love God and others well. "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

When we remain in a close relationship with Jesus, we will learn to love others well. We will produce good fruit in our lives that will honour God and reveal that we are followers of Christ. To bear fruit is to bring glory to God and to demonstrate our relationship with Christ in all that we do and say. When we have an effective prayer life, we will produce much fruit.

When we abide with Christ in prayer, there are three main principles we can claim:

- **We will know the purposes of God's kingdom.** We will have a better understanding of the will of God and His kingdom purposes. We will desire to be

obedient to God's will, and commands for kingdom living. We will love God and others well.

- **We will have an intimate relationship with Jesus.** When we spend time with someone, we know what that person is like and what they desire. As I read through John 15:15, I found this verse essential to understanding the will of God. "I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me." Jesus calls the disciples His friends because He had disclosed His Father's will and purpose to them. We will also know the will of God and His kingdom purposes as we spend time with Jesus.
- **We will bear much fruit and answered prayer when we abide in Christ through prayer.** I appreciated that Jesus said when you ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy. I believe this is true for all the fruit that will be produced in our life as we spend time in prayer and remaining close to Jesus. We will have an abundant supply of lasting fruit. The fruit that comes to us through prayer and abiding is not for ourselves but is to help us serve others.

A few practical requests to ask in Jesus name:

Ask for wisdom so you can be used to bring transformation in ministry and reaching out to your community.

Ask to have a greater love for all people, especially the unlovable.

Ask to have boldness in being a witness for Christ.

Ask to have the finances needed to help those in need.

Some helpful applications:

Practice this week, mindfully remembering in who's authority you are praying and that you are His representative here on earth as you pray.

How can you stand firmly and claim this incredible promise Jesus is declaring?
Ask Jesus to continue to teach you how to pray, and to come to the Father through His merit and righteousness.

Journal your prayer request and keep track of how your prayers are being answered.

Concluding Thoughts:

Jesus promised his disciples, and He promises us that He gives us His Spirit to empower us to accomplish His will and purpose on earth.

When we abide in Him, we can claim the promise that we will produce much fruit to show we are true followers of Christ and we will bring glory to God the Father. When we spend time in God's word and in asking through prayer, we can trust God will guide, comfort, protect and provide for us as we do His mission of loving others well, and our prayers will be answered.

When we ask in Jesus name, it is asking in accordance with God's will and kingdom purposes. When we pray it is to bring glory to God not to please people or ourselves. When we live closely with Jesus, everything about us will line up with His will and purpose.

We are unworthy to come before the Father on our own merit. It is only through Jesus name and His righteousness that we can boldly come and ask the Father for what will bring heaven to earth. Charles Spurgeon once said, "Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscle of the Omnipotent." Be bold in your prayers knowing you are Jesus representative, and you pray in His authority and righteousness. Let us claim and stand firm on His incredible promise that our prayers will be answered and we will produce lasting fruit.

Prayer: Jesus thank you for calling us to be your representatives on earth. Thank you for choosing us to be your friend, and to spend time getting to know you better through your word and prayer. Help us to come boldly before Your throne of grace, asking the Father for needs that will further your Kingdom work on earth. Thank you for teaching us to pray in your name and authority. May we remain in your love, to produce lasting fruit, to bring glory and honor to the Father. In Your name Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Please join me in praying as Jesus taught us:

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

If you are needing prayer this week or support during this time or would like to connect, please email me at robin@ebap.ca or any of the other staff, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Song – Emmanuel Musicians

Come As You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
come broken hearted, let rescue begin
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
all who are broken, lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far
lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are

Ben Glover
David Crowder
Matt Maher

Benediction – Robin

May we go now, dependent on God, rooted in Jesus and led by the Spirit, to fully love God and all people for God's Kingdom, pleasure and glory. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Musicians

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