

Special Music

Kathleen Hess & Leigh Quinn

“The Plowshare Prayer” (by Spencer Lajoie)

 **Pride Sending & Challenge**

Rev. Marc McDonald

Leader: Beloved of God, as we prepare to go forth, we remember the longing voiced in Daley’s song — *“I just want to be true.”* This longing is not only human; it is holy. Let us now commit ourselves to walk in what is **true**, what is just, and what is life-giving by responding... **“Stand True.”**

Leader: When your identity is challenged...

People: Stand True!

Leader: When love calls for courage...

People: Stand True!

Leader: When community needs your presence...

People: Stand True!

Leader: When justice demands action...

People: Stand True!

Leader: When joy rises among us...

People: Stand True!

Leader: Go forth, radiant and beloved, bearing the truth of who you are. Go forth strengthened by community, emboldened by love, and guided by the Spirit who delights in every part of you. Go forth in truth and stand true.

People: Amen!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a reception hosted by St. Luke’s Episcopal and Emmanuel Lutheran for more storytelling and sharing!

2026 PRIDE CELEBRATION



*Reframing
our Resistance*

LAMENT, FOUNDATION, JOY,
AND COURAGE



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Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church!

We are an inclusive faith community that seeks to live the Word and the Way of Christ's unconditional love. This means that, like Christ, we believe each person is a beloved child of God regardless of shape, size, economic status, religious background, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, or anything else that could divide us. We give thanks for the unique identities with which we are created and have found here a fellowship of believers that accepts us just as we are. Come worship with us and enjoy full participation in all aspects of our life together, including baptism, confirmation, communion, marriage, and burial.

As a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation, we advocate for systemic change in policy and practice in church and society, working to alleviate not only the painful symptoms of oppression but also to eliminate its root causes. We are committed to the work of racial equality and creating an anti-racist space in our congregation and community. We strive to do our best to live by our welcome statement and our anti-racism commitment. We know that loving our neighbor means *all* our neighbors, not just the ones who are exactly like us.

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Born and raised in Memphis, TN, Dr. Tiara Cash is a Researcher, Wellness practitioner, Consultant, and professional vocalist with an expansive understanding and range of music. A Black American and Queer woman with Indigenous Heritage (Non-enrolled Mississippi Chahta [Choctaw] & NC Tsalagi [Cherokee] descendant), she began her training classically, performing in Operas and Cantatas as a child as well as learning deep rooted Soul, Funk, and old school R&B music in her musical home of Memphis from Stax Academy and her father – a well-known musician in US South. In her expanded background, Dr. Cash has also been privileged to learn, explore and sing both gospel and bhajan/kirtan (mantra singing) from spiritual paths she has practiced during her lifetime. With these experiences she creates original mantras that she shares in community spaces to help individuals ground in the moment before events begin.

Community is important to Tiara. She has worked in many community settings including: speaking and coordinating anti-Black racism events, supporting anti-oppression movements, and being present on many advisory committees that support systemically and intentionally marginalized groups (i.e., PoGM, 2SLQBQQIA+, Disabled communities, and many more.) She believes that sharing the gift of singing is a part of community engagement and that it's her job to "give the gift away".

Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

A Pastor's Hope

Rev. Tricia Lowe

The Guest House

This being human is a guest house.

Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!

Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,

still, treat each guest honorably.

He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,
meet them at the door laughing,
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whatever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.

~ Rumi ~ *Translation by Coleman Barks*

Special Speaker:

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Special Music:

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"True" by Daley

Special Music

Jubilate Handbells, Gene Fougner ~ director

"I Have the Joy Down In My Heart" (traditional/Vandall)

Welcome/Invocation/

Left: Out of the shadows and into the light,

We stand in our truth, unapologetic and bright.

No margins can hold us, no borders divide,

A beautiful tapestry woven with pride.

Right: For love is the compass, and love is the key,

It welcomes the weary, it sets the heart free.

In this vibrant circle, you fully belong,

Every voice is a chorus, every story a song.

Left: We honor the brave who first paved the way,

Whose courage ignited the freedom today.

Their strength is the anchor, their spirit the spark,

That guided our family right out of the dark.

Right: Now look at the colors that flood through the street,

The rhythm of freedom in everyone's feet.

From every background, from near and from far,

We love who we are, exactly as we are.

Left: No labels can bound us, no walls can confine,

The brilliant spectrum in which we align.

A sanctuary built out of kindness and grace,

Where total acceptance fills up every space.

Right: So lift up your voices and let the world hear,

We stand here together, victorious and clear.

Boundless and fierce, forever we'll stride,

In total inclusion, in love, and in pride. ~ Anon.

Land Acknowledgement

L: We gather in the name of God, the non-binary Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, who helps us reframe our resistance to society's attempts to make us invisible. We gather to lament, re-establish our foundation in Jesus, celebrate the joy of God's love and our life together, and find the courage to speak and act in support of all of God's beloveds.

A: We gather on the traditional homelands of the Hohokam and Yavapai Apache peoples.

L: The roads that brought us here today were cross places where Indigenous people walked and lived on this sacred land and still do today.

A: We gather to honor the Creator, and all creation—human, animal, plant, water, wind, earth, and sky—that belong to God.

Prayer for the Day

L: God of Beauty, you gather your beloved children into your care, each one a unique image of you. You claim us as your own and call us to follow in the ways of mercy, justice, and joy. Help us move on from lament to build a foundation out of your loving kindness and justice. Strengthen our changing hearts and minds to continue the work of your Son, Jesus Christ, the one who saves.

A: Amen.

PSALM 139 verses 1-6, 13-18

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.^[b]

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end^[c]—I am still with you.

Special Speaker:

Trampus Trimbley

Trampus Tribbey is a native Arizonan who graduated from Chino Valley High School, Class of 1992, Yavapai College and attended Arizona State University. He worked in the hospitality industry volunteering with A Christian Ministry in the National Parks. He was raised in a conservative Baptist church prior to becoming an Episcopalian. He is currently a postulant for the diaconate in the Episcopal Church. He lives with his family and his dog Klinger. He is a gay man whose preferred pronouns are he/him.