



EMMANUEL CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Emmanuel Episcopal Church has been serving the urban community of greater Boston as a dynamic center for spiritual discovery and renewal since 1860. We explore Christian tradition and foster inquiry through the celebration of liturgy, music and the arts. We strive for justice and peace. Emmanuel Church welcomes all people without exception to our Eucharistic table. We honor individuals of every age, gender, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation and religious background, and we respect the dignity of every living being.

June 7, 2026

**10:00am—Holy Eucharist in the
Lindsey Chapel**

Preaching & Presiding: The Very Rev. Pamela L. Wertz

Deacon: The Rev. Robert Greiner

Organist & Choir Director: John Dilworth

Subdeacon: Jane Redmont

Crucifer: Christine Piazza

First Reader: Brian McCaig

Second Reader: Carolyn Roosevelt

Prayer Intercessor: Joy Howard

Altar Guild: Joy Howard, Joel Anderle

Greeters: Ben Ericson, Diane Smith

Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

Land Use Acknowledgment

Founded in 1860, Emmanuel Church is located on land once used by the matriarchal Massachusett Tribe for fishing in the estuary of the Quinobequin (now Charles River). Acknowledging this is an expression of our appreciation and a small, first step on the Way of Love, toward respect and accountability to Indigenous or First Peoples, who continue to suffer as a consequence of genocide and forced removal perpetrated by white ancestors of European descent. Our next steps have to do with actions to end violence directed toward them, which occurs when their histories are erased, cultures are trivialized, labor is exploited, and resources are seized. As the current occupiers of this territory, we must amplify First Peoples' voices, honor their dignity, and repent of our complicity in their oppression. Read more about our Land Use Acknowledgment on our website:

<https://www.emmanuelboston.org/mission/social-justice/land-acknowledgement/>

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Second Sunday After Pentecost - Year A

Prelude Praeambulum (C-mixolydian)

Jakob Praetorius (1586-1651)

Announcements

Opening Hymn Now thank we all our God
(Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal)

Hymn 397
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

The Word of God

Opening Sentences

Presider: Blessed be God: eternal Majesty, incarnate Word, abiding Spirit.

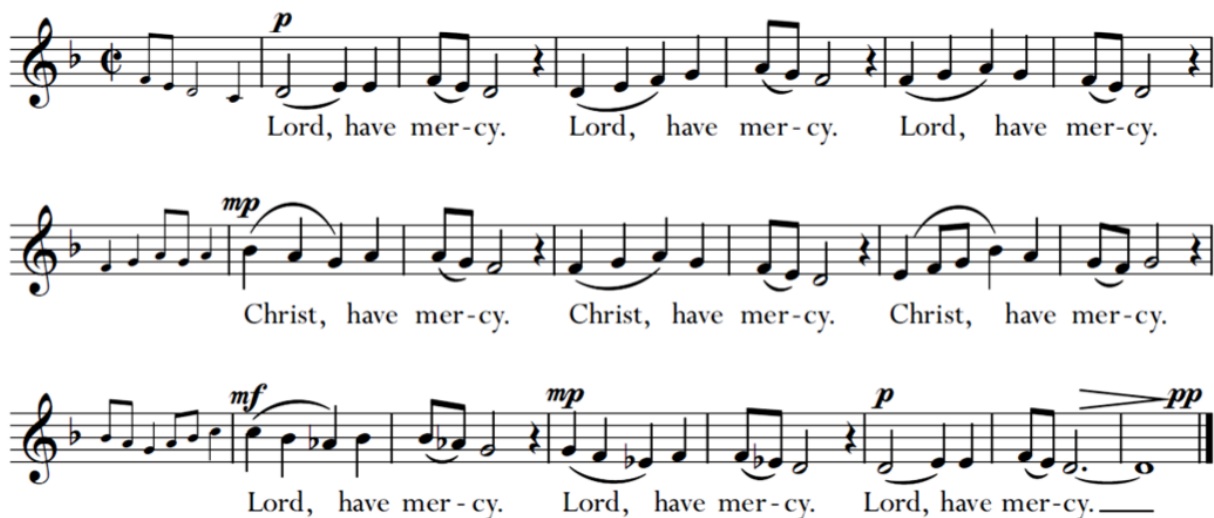
People: And blessed be God's Holy Name, now and forever.

The Collect for Purity

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise Kyrie

Cambridge Mass, Stuart Forster



Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. —

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
(Congregation is seated)

The Lessons

First Reading Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make

your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33, verses 1-12 *Please join in singing the antiphon when indicated; verses are sung by the choir.*

Antiphon



By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made, by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly host.

- 1 Rejoice in God, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise God with the harp;
play upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for God a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet. [ANT.]
- 4 For your word, O God, is right,
and all your works are sure.
- 5 You love righteousness and justice;
your loving-kindness fills the whole earth. [ANT.]
- 6 By your word, O God, were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and store up the depths of the sea. [ANT.]
- 8 Let all the earth fear you;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of you.
- 9 For you spoke, and it came to pass;
you commanded, and it stood fast. [ANT.]
- 10 You bring the will of the nations to naught;
and thwart the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But your will stands fast for ever,
and the designs of your heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation that worships you, O Most High;
happy the people you have chosen to be your own! [ANT]

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Second Reading Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn I want to walk as a child of the light (stanzas 1-2)
(Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal.)

Hymn 490
HOUSTON

The Gospel Reading Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had

been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
 People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Hymn I want to walk as a child of the light (stanza 3)

Hymn 490
 HOUSTON

The Sermon

Ms. Werntz

The Nicene Creed

S105, alt

Introduction

We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al-might-y, ma-ker of hea-ven and
 earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e -
 ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be - got - ten, not
 down from hea-ven: by the pow-er of the Ho-ly Spi-rit he be-came in-car-nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was
 made man. For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death and was bur - ied.
 On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cord-ance with the Scrip-tures; he a-scen-ded in-to hea-ven and is
 sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther. He will come a - gain in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead, and his
 king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spir - it, the Lord, the giv - er of life,

who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther. With the Fa-ther and the Son he is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied. He has
 spo-ken through the Pro - phets. We be-lieve in one ho - ly cath-o-lic and a-po - sto-lic Church.
 We ac-know-ledge one bap - tism for the for - give-ness of sins. We look for the
 re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come. A - men. A - men.

The Prayers of the People (*The Leader and People pray responsively*)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to those who are sick, friendless, or needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Julia, Mary, and Ian, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our Sovereign;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal realm.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession

EOW, p. 56

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: **God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

I beseech you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. (Eph. 4:1-2)

*During the Offertory, we invite you to donate in person or online by using our QR code.
If you are visiting or new to Emmanuel, we also invite you to take this moment to complete the Welcome Card online,
linked on the inside cover of the bulletin. Paper Welcome Cards and gifts may be placed in the collection plate.*



Offertory Anthem Total Praise

Richard Smallwood (1948-2025)

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm

You are the source of my strength,
You are the strength of my life,
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

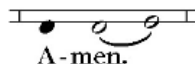
All: **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in your Christ and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All:



The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray:

All: **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. 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Behold who you are.

People: **May we become what we see.**

p
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the

mp
bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the

bread. The bread which we break is the com - mun - ion of the

poco a poco cresc.
bo - dy of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the

break - ing of the bread. One bo - dy are we, for though

ma - ny we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord

dim. *p*
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

There is one communion station at the foot of the chancel steps. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request, as well as non-alcoholic grape juice in the ceramic chalice *All without exception are welcome to receive. You who hunger and thirst for deeper communion with the Holy One come to the table.*

*As you receive communion, we ask that you refrain from dipping the bread in the cup.
As an alternative, please sip from the cup or hold your bread over the cup
without touching the cup as the chalice is presented.*

Post-Communion Prayer

Subdeacon: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

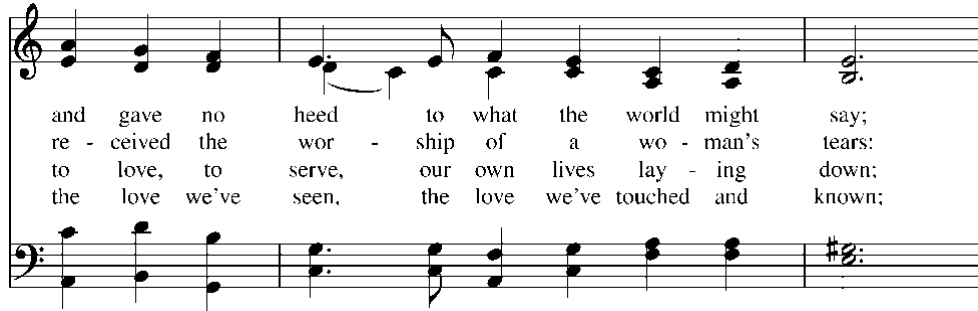
Presider: May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of Love; and the blessing of God Almighty, Author, Word, and Inspiration be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn You laid aside your rightful reputation
(Please rise in body or in spirit)

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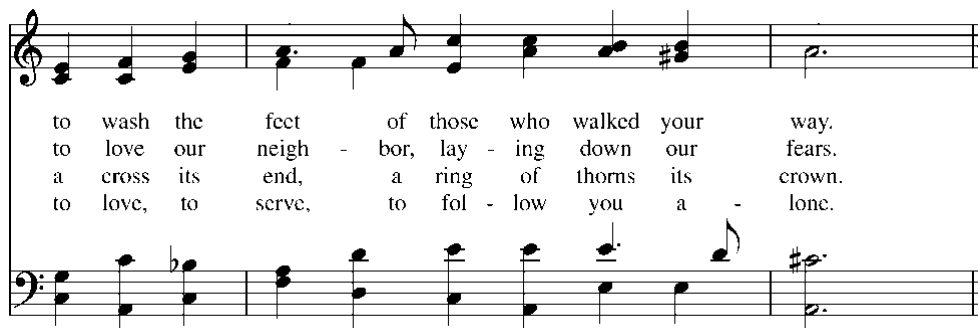
1. You laid a - side your right - ful rep - u - ta - tion
2. You touched the lep - er, ate with those re - ject - ed,
3. Help us to fol - low, Je - sus, where you lead us
4. Draw us to you and with your love trans - form us;



and gave no heed to what the world might say;
re - ceived the wor - ship of a wo - man's tears:
to love, to serve, our own lives lay - ing down;
the love we've seen, the love we've touched and known;



served as a slave and laid a - side your gar - ments
You shed the pride that keeps us from the free - dom
to walk your way of hum - ble, cost - ly ser - vice,
en - large our hearts and with com - pas - sion fill us



to wash the feet of those who walked your way,
to love our neigh - bor, lay - ing down our fears.
a cross its end, a ring of thorns its crown.
to love, to serve, to fol - low you a - lone.

Words: Rosalind Brown (b. 1953). Music: *Intercessor*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Canzonetta in G, BuxWV 172

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome Cards may be brought with any gifts to the box at the chancel steps at the conclusion of the Postlude.

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Emmanuel Church Announcements

Today and Upcoming

Chapel Camp, June 7th after the Worship Service

“Tending the Word: Rethinking Paul after 2000 Years”

Karen King will lead us in a discussion of a recent New Yorker article by Adam Gopnik, who offers a provocative take on recent scholarship on Paul—who he claims “turned a Jewish sect into a world religion” and in the process “remade human history.” He provides us an opportunity to think together about Paul afresh and perhaps reconsider our views of him. Join our discussion as we gather in Chapel Camp to talk and listen to each other.

Chapel Camp, June 14 after the Worship Service

“Resonant Roots: The Lindsey Organ”

The vestry hired John Roper of Plenum Organ Company to do some major catching up with deferred maintenance to the leather parts and seals, and cleaning pipes in the Lindsey Chapel organ. When he began, many of the pipes were not "speaking," and the air leaks made the organ sound like it was wheezing! Returning the organ to reasonable playing condition will allow evaluation for future work to retain, augment, or replace the instrument. John Roper and John Dilworth will talk with us about their findings and experiences.

Chapel Camp, June 21 after the Worship Service

“Sacred Ground: Emmanuel’s Spirit in Building and Growing Community”

The 19th century, particularly following the end of the Civil War, saw the birth of many humorous, satirical publications and periodicals. A local example is *The Harvard Lampoon* which was founded in 1876. Unlike many of these magazines, *The Lampoon* continues to thrive in its lovely building in Harvard Square. Our guest, John Tittmann has been the architect caring for that building for many years, preserving its character while guiding its adaptation to changing times—a challenge that we at Emmanuel have also faced in the 21st century. We invite you to a discussion about buildings, and in particular how they can focus an organization’s identity and further its goals.

John is a founding partner of Albert Righter Tittmann Architects. He has always been interested in the varied languages of architecture, and how architecture communicates aspirations and culture.

B-SAFE & B-LOVE 2026 (Bishop’s Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment). Each year we join with others to support the summer day-camp activities organized by St. Stephen’s Youth Programs

(<http://www.ssyboston.org/>). There are many activities planned, along with the all-important academic support that children need during the summer months. Hopefully immigrant families will be able to attend without fear.

Emmanuel has signed up again as we successfully have the last four years for B-LOVE. Partnering with our friends at Central Reform Temple, we will support B-SAFE families for one of the four weeks with bags full of groceries. Our assignment is to fill 50 grocery bags with food and deliver them to St. Stephen’s on July 23rd. The aim is to help meet their needs in these times of continued economic upheaval and high food prices. Please consider joining the packing team on Thursday morning July 23 at the Allston Abbey. If you wish, there are other opportunities to volunteer at St. Stephen’s, 419 Shawmut Street (<https://www.ssyboston.org/bsafe>).

Chapel Camp 2026

Theme: Fertile Ground

Date	Program/event
May 31	Seeds of Possibility: Fundraiser Tea for B-SAFE
June 7	Tending the Word: Rethinking Paul after 2000 Years
June 14	Resonant Roots: The Lindsey Organ
June 21	Sacred Ground: Emmanuel's Spirit in Building and Growing Community
June 28	Sown in Time: Christianity in the Mid-19 th Century
July 5	Harvest Table: Garden, Fun, and Belonging at the Parish Picnic
July 12	Pilgrim's Path: Photos from the Camino
July 19	Healing the Soil: The Work of Reparations
July 26	Bloom and Spoon: Sundae Sunday
August 2	Fertile Margins: <i>Mending the Space Between</i> Book Talk
August 9	Deep Roots: Bach and Emmanuel's Musical Legacy
August 16	Scattered Seeds: The Poetry of Charles Coe
August 23	Hallowed Ground: Hymns of 1776
August 30	Rooted in Grace: The Emmanuel Movement and AA
September 6	New Harvest: Dim Sum Feast



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