

CHILDREN AND THE LITURGY

Worshipping at Emmanuel is a feast for the ears. The music, the singing, the words spoken in unison—each part of our worship service serves up an auditory treasure. In the middle of it all, you might hear a small voice yell out its own, "Amen!" Or stumble on a word in the Creed. Or even ask a mother if the "long talking" is done! We love having children in our worship service because we believe that God is forming them (and us) into the worshippers he created us to be. By standing with their parents, by responding with "Thanks be to God," by singing the doxology, the heart habits of our children are being formed. It is not enough merely to teach our children the truth, we must also embody the truth in the standing, sitting, praying, singing, giving, receiving acts of worship each Sunday. Parents, please explain the service to your children.

That said, we do understand that the full service, and particularly the "long talking" can be a bit much for younger children to process. With that in mind we offer Children's worship for kids ages 3 to 7. They are dismissed to Children's Worship during the Welcome (when we pass around the Blue Contact Folders) and return to worship at the Passing of the Peace. Though they miss the Intercessory Prayer/Lord's Prayer, the Sermon, and the Confession of Faith, they do have their own age-appropriate Children's Message based on one of the lectionary readings of the day. They also recite the Creed and say the Lord's Prayer so that these important elements of Liturgical Formation will be inculcated in them during Children's Worship.

Liturgical Color: White-symbolizes the brightness of day, the birth of Christ, and his resurrection.

The Divine Service April 23, 2023 The Third Sunday of Easter

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come.

In Preparation

Prelude Givong Ahn

As the Water Covers the Sea by Hyungwon Koh

WORDS OF PREPARATION/SILENCE

Psalm 23

All scripture passages are printed in the back of the bulletin.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

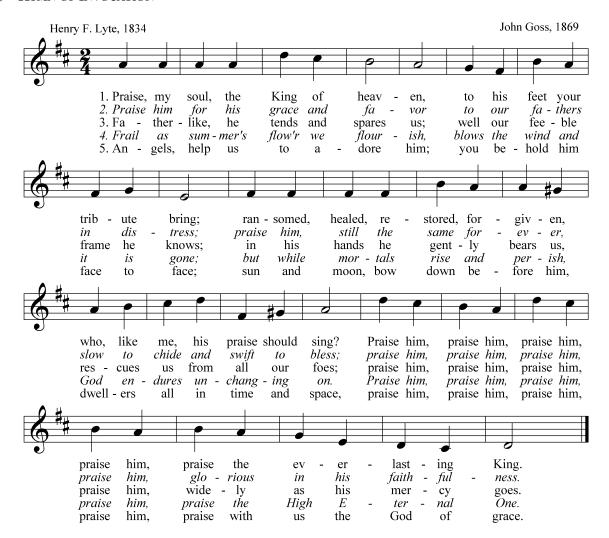
Following the prelude, please observe silence in final preparation for gathered worship.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

The Service of Entrance

CALL TO WORSHIP

₩ HYMN OF INVOCATION



Minister: Now is Christ risen from the dead,

People: And become the first-fruits of them that slept.

Minister: For since by man came death,

People: By man came also the resurrection of the dead.

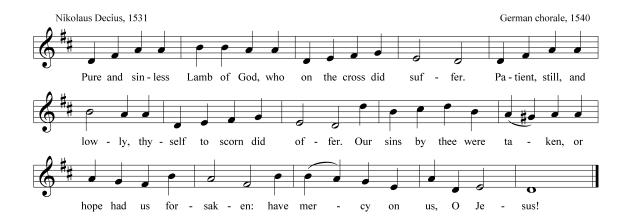
Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN



Minister: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor—

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Minister: Having confessed together our great need for God's mercy, let us now silently and humbly confess to God our personal and particular sins.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: "Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our

justification." All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all

of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

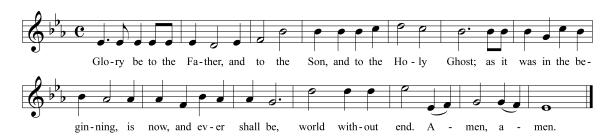
Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: The Maker of heaven and earth.

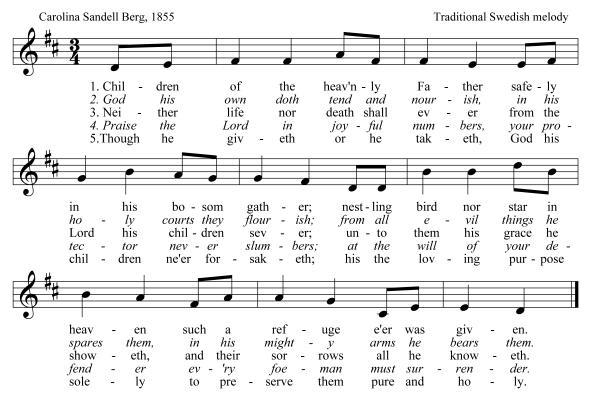
Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouth will declare your praise.

THE GLORIA



HYMN OF GRATITUDE



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The Service of the Word

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 2:42-47

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 2:19-25

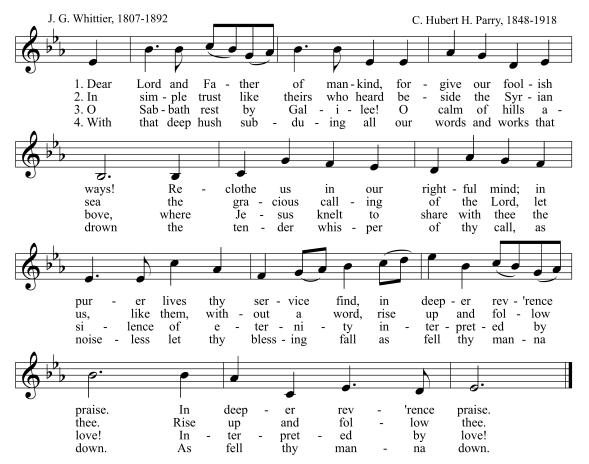
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 10:1-10

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

OUR RESPONSE



- 5. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of thy peace,
 The beauty of thy peace.
- 6. Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still, small voice of calm;
 O still, small voice of calm!

WELCOME

Children ages 3-7 are dismissed to Children's Worship at this time. They will return at the Passing of the Peace. At this time, please pass the contact folders down the row, fill out the contact cards as necessary, and drop the card in the offering plate. You may also use the QR code on the back inside page of the bulletin to give us your contact information, submit a prayer request, or make a donation.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

Deacon Ivaylo Georgiev

Unison: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please go to https://www.emmanuelcedarpark.church/pray/ to submit prayer requests.

THE SERMON LESSON

Psalm 23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Rev. Adam Lopez

Resting Place Psalm 23

The Service of the Table

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Minister: Filled with the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us offer one another a

sign of peace.

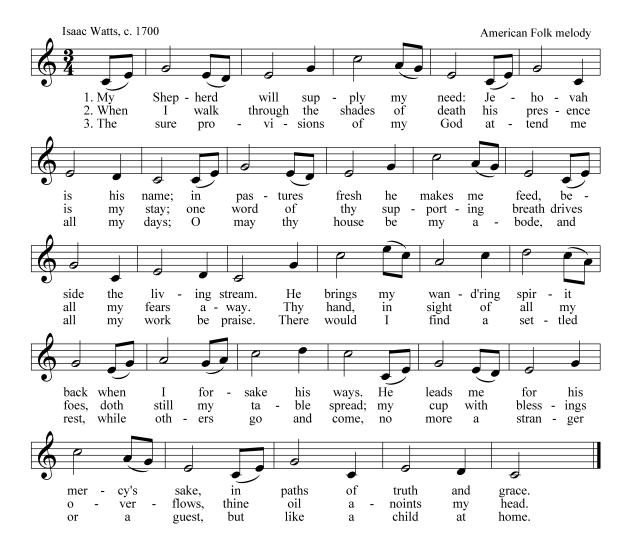
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

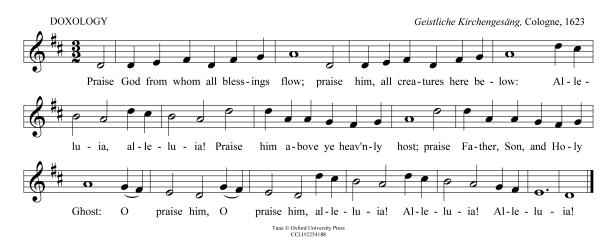
People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD



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Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Minister: Our Glorious God and Father, you have shown your great power in raising the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. By his death you brought us life, and in his resurrection you have secured our hope. We acknowledge that you have created us, redeemed us, and will bring us to yourself, for from you, and through you, and to you are all things. Because we are wholly yours and so that the glad tidings of this resurrection might be made known in all places, we offer now these tithes and our offerings to you. Receive them O Lord, and distribute them according to your wisdom for the honor of your name, and all through the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you! Minister: Lift up your hearts!

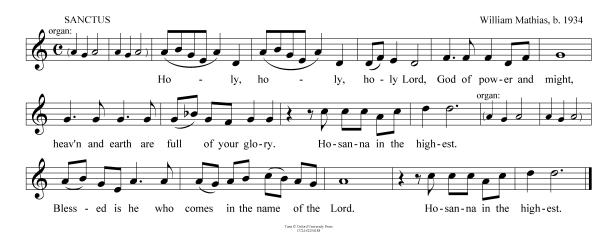
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to

you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:



Emmanuel invites all baptized Christians to come to the table of our Lord and rejoice with us in God's grace given to us in Christ. This includes all Christians, whether you are a member of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church or another Church. Baptized children are admitted to the Table upon an age-appropriate profession of faith in Christ. If you require a gluten free communion bread, please notify your server when you come forward. The center cup and inner circle contain grape juice and the outer circles contain wine. Parents please serve your communing children. Please hold your elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION HYMN

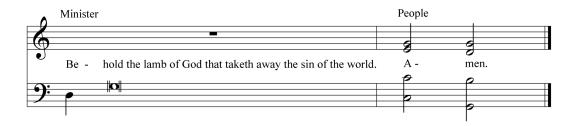


6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

- 7. Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!
- 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI



PARTAKING OF THE CUP

BENEDICTION

♣ DEPARTING HYMN



Announcements

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:42-47

2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 2:19-25

2:19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 10:1-10

10:1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE SERMON LESSON Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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Resting Place Psalm 23

Introduction:	
I. Provision for the Road	
II. Welcoming Presence	
Conclusion:	

Taking Gathered Worship Home

The Fourth Week of Easter - Sunday, April 30, 2023

Taking Gathered Worship Home" (TGWH) has been developed for you to use in the private worship of your home, whether you are married or single, and whether or not you have children. It is a tool to knit us together throughout the church year. While we would encourage the use of TGWH in its entirety, you are encouraged to adapt the offerings to your particular circumstances. The prayer and the psalm readings are taken from the "Book of Common Prayer" and the daily readings are from "The Book of Common Worship."

DAILY COLLECT

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUNDAY Morning Psalter - 63, 98

Genesis 18:22-33 1 Peter 5:1-11 Matthew 7:15-29 Evening Psalter - 103

HYMN OF INVOCATION

MONDAY Morning Psalter - 41, 52

Jeremiah 30:1-9 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 6:1-11

Evening Psalter - 44 THE GLORIA

TUESDAY Morning Psalter - 45

Jeremiah 30:10-17 Colossians 1:15-23 Luke 6:12-26

Evening Psalter - 47, 48 HYMN OF GRATITUDE

WEDNESDAY Morning Psalter - 119:49-72

Jeremiah 30:18-24 Colossians 1:24–2:7 Luke 6:27-38 Evening Psalter – 49 HYMN OF RESPONSE

THURSDAY Morning Psalter - 50

Jeremiah 31:1-14 Colossians 2:8-23 Luke 6:39-49

Evening Psalter - 114, 115

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

FRIDAY Morning Psalter - 40, 54

Jeremiah 31:15-22 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 7:1-17

Evening Psalter – 51 COMMUNION HYMN

SATURDAY Morning Psalter - 55

Jeremiah 31:23-30 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 7:18-35

Evening Psalter - 138, 139 DEPARTING HYMN

IN PREPARATION FOR THE DIVINE SERVICE

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Preaching: Rev. Greg Ward Sermon Reading: Psalm 49

Scripture Lessons:

Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

CHURCH LIFE

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 30	10:00am	Divine Service
	11:15 am	School of Discipleship - Principal Clay Currier
	4:00 pm	Youth Group @ Milburn Park
Monday, May 1	1:00 pm	Women's Bible Study @ Dunn's
Thursday, May 4	6:00 am	Men's Bible Study @ Blacksugar
Saturday, May 6	2:00 pm	Crawfish Boil @ Brushy Creek Lake Park
Sunday, May 7	10:00am	Divine Service
	11:15 am	School of Discipleship
	4:00 pm	Youth Group @ Milburn Park
Monday, May 8	1:00 pm	Women's Bible Study @ Dunn's
Thursday, May 11	6:00 am	Men's Bible Study @ Blacksugar
Friday, May 12	11:15 am	Cookout for New Hope High School
Sunday, May 14	10:00am	Divine Service
	11:15 am	School of Discipleship
	4:00 pm	Youth Group @ Milburn Park

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR:

- Pray for Amy Gonzalez' sister, April, who recently had knee surgery. She is on strict bed rest for six weeks.
- Pray for Doug and Nancy's friend, Lyn, for complete healing following a a fall that fractured her right femur above an artificial knee.
- Pray for Jaxon, a 12 year old boy who was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer.
- Praise that Becca, Nancy's cousin's daughter, who is battling a dangerous uterine sarcoma, is now stable on a new medication. Pray for a complete recovery.
- Pray for the Izmail Life Center as they deal with increased demand for pre-abortion counseling services, while assisting many refugees coming to the city of Izmail before they go to Romania.
- Pray for the churches in Slovakia as they minister to fleeing Ukrainian refugees.
- Pray for peace in the Ukraine and the safety of the family and friends of the Popovs.

GETTING INVOLVED

If you're new to EPC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch, after School of Discipleship, on a Sunday TBA at the Ferguson's Home, 2604 Melekhin Bend, Cedar Park TX 78613.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

- **Youth Group** Sundays, 4 pm @ Milburn Park Adam Lopez <u>alopez@emmanuelcedarpark.church</u> Studying the book of Amos.
- Women's Bible Study Mondays, 1 pm at the Dunn Home Gail Shaff geshaff@icloud.com Using Dust to Glory by R. C. Sproul.
- Men's Bible Study Thurs, 6 am at Black Sugar Adam Lopez <u>alopez@emmanuelcedarpark.church</u> Studying Essential Truths of the Christian Faith, by R. C. Sproul.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

You should join a community group, and get to know some of your church family! Reach out to the contacts below if you would like to get involved.

Avery Ranch - Meets at the Dunn Home, 15804 Royal Ashdown Dr, Austin TX 78717 1st & 3rd Sundays at 6:30 PM - Dan Dunn, dbpdunn@austin.rr.com

Lakeline Ranch - Meets at the Ward Home, 2401 Granite Creek Dr, Leander TX 78641 2nd & 4th Sundays at 5:45 PM - Greg Ward, gward@emmanuelcedarpark.church

Liberty Hill - Meets at the Gonzalez Home, 1579 CR 323, Liberty Hill, TX 78642

1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:30 PM - Gary Gonzalez, garygonzalez76@yahoo.com

 $\textbf{Summerlyn} \cdot \textbf{Meets at the Lopez Home, 248 Chickadee Ln, Leander, TX~78641}$

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7 PM - Adam Lopez, alopez@emmanuelcedarpark.church

SAVE THE DATE!!

Crawfish Boil @ Brushy Creek Lake Park - Saturday, May 6 - 2pm

2023 FY Financial Status October 1, 2022-March 31, 2023			
Income/Giving Expenses Surplus/(Deficit)	\$143,777 \$161,207 (\$17,430)		
Average Monthly Giving Need for Budget Average Weekly Giving Need for Budget	\$29,615 \$6,834		



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