



# Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word - October 11, 2020

9:30 AM

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## The Gathering

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*"Joy is not in things; it is in us." -Richard Wagner, 19<sup>th</sup> century*

Ringling of the Bell

Our Life Together

The Solemn Declaration and Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Here in this place, with these people, we come to worship the living God.

**All: In you, O God, we hope; in you, Creator of love, we live.**

Leader: Here in this sacred space, in these very moments, we are invited to share and experience joy.

**All: In you, Christ of the Way, we rejoice; in you, dear Brother, grace is as near as your heart.**

Leader: Here on this day of gentleness and beauty, we are filled with the peace of God.

**All: In you, O Spirit, we find our path; in you, teacher of hope, we learn to serve.**

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## The Refreshment of Forgiveness

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**The Unison Prayer of Confession**

**You would call us to be near you, Inviting God, but our busy lives keep us from responding. You remember every word we utter, every prayer we whisper, but we forget all the little ways you care for us. You would make your gentleness known through us, but we lash out in anger and fear towards others. Forgive us, God of all hope, and help us to remember your Son, Jesus Christ. In him, we can live in your way. Through him, we can learn the dreams you have for us. With him, we can open our arms and embrace all the people we meet.**

*(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)*

**Kyrie**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

**All: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: As we are forgiven by God, we can begin to reflect on all those ways in which we can live justly, act honorably, and love completely. This is indeed good news for us..

**All: Thanks be to God for this good news. We are fed with grace, and nourished with joy, so we may go and bring hope and peace to everyone we meet. Amen.**

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## The Gift of the Word

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Special Music

Choir

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 32: 1-14

New Testament Lesson Philippians 4: 1-9

Sermon

"A Thousand Little Choices"

Pastor Cope

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## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

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Call to Offering

Offertory

**\*Offertory Response**

**"Take My Gifts"**

**#562 (NCH)**

**Take whatever I can offer, gifts that I have yet to find, Skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind, things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be: take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, receive the gift of our lives and this offering of our service to carry your love from this place to a world in need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.**

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The Ministry of Prayer

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*Lifting up our joys and concerns and those in need of prayer.*

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)**

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The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

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**\*Benediction**

Leader: Now let us leave this place, to live and serve those not here,

**All: to share the hope of God, to live in love with all creation.**

Leader: Now let us leave this place to offer the gifts of life and grace with all,

**All: to bring joy to those who mourn, to offer the heart of Christ to everyone.**

Leader: Now let us leave this place to fill our neighborhoods with peace,

**All: to walk the Spirit's path with strangers, to serve all as if they were family.**

Leader: And may the blessed, eternal Trinity grant you the peace the world cannot give, now and forever. Amen

**\*Three-fold Amen**

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\*Postlude

\*Indicates that all who are able, please stand. **Bold** print indicates unison reading.

**Notice Someone Missing?** *If so give them a call and let them know they are missed.*