



Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this
4th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word – June 20, 2021
9:30 AM

The Gathering

Ringing of the Bell
Our Life Together
The Solemn Declaration

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: It's awesome when all people live together in unity!

**All: When waters are rough, we hold each other tightly.
When the sea begins to swallow us, we hold each other tightly and
call on God.**

Leader: But we also need God and each other when there are no looming waves.

**All: We can splash and play in the shallow end and venture into deeper
waters with trusted friends. Delighting in refreshing current of
community and savoring each burst of laughter, lets invite others
to join in the fun!**

***Hymn "God of Grace and God Of Glory" #436 (NCH)**

*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the
dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

*Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

The Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**O God, sometimes we are like David, and sometimes Goliath: forgive us for
our two-sided nature. We face the powerful with righteous anger, but cling
to any sense of power that we attain. We are grateful when grace is extended
to us, yet remain absent-minded of this when others have wronged us. We
treat our own as family, yet ignore siblings whom we see only from a
distance. As people of paradox, we long for oneness with ourselves and
others, with Christ and creation, so that justice and love may flow freely.**

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

**God's grace washes upon the turbulent shore of our lives; and we are
forgiven to begin again to live at peace with ourselves and others, with
Christ and creation, allowing justice and love to flow freely through our
lives.**

*Choral Response

"Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Gift of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 18:10-16

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

The Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41

Sermon

"Don't Be Afraid of the Storms"

Pastor Jan

Hymn

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

403 (NCH)

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

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**

Bighearted God, we ask you to take these gifts, bless them, and use them to calm storms and create in our communities new, imaginative and life-giving streams. Amen.

The Ministry of Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison, debts and debtors)

The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn**

"We Praise You, O God"

#420 (NCH)

***Benediction**

Leader: We are waters in which God swims!

All: Through the currents, crashing waves, and depths of the unknown, a Holy Presence remains.

Leader: May God continue charting new courses and ways of being in the world that unites creation in a collective call.

All: "Peace! Be still!"

***Charge**

***Three-fold Amen**

#812 (NCH)

***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.

*When going through any storm in your life,
remember Who it is who calms the storm.*