



Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this

Pentecost Sunday

Service of the Word – May 23, 2021

9:30 AM

The Gathering

Ringing of the Bell
Our Life Together
The Solemn Declaration
Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship our God with joy and thanksgiving: Everything in us says

People: Thank you!

Leader: At worship in this sacred place, we say it again:

People: Thank you!

Leader: For your love, for your faithfulness;

People: Thank you!

Leader: When earth's rulers hear what you have to say, O GOD, they'll sing of what you've done:

People: How Great the glory of God!

Leader: Finish what you started in us, GOD. Your love is eternal – stay with us, now, that we may say

People: Thank you!

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn** **“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”** **#18 (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.

The Refreshment of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

The Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Leader: When we forget that God's ways lead all to the blessings of justice and mercy:

All: Lord have mercy.

Leader: When we forget that God's ways lead all, especially the most vulnerable, to blessing of safety, health, meaningful work:

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: When we forget that God's ways lead all to the blessings of the shared abundance of God's beloved creation:

All: Lord have mercy.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus reminds us: “Who is my mother, and who are my sisters and brothers?”

All: All those who do the will of God are my brother and sister and mother.”

Leader: In Christ we are forgiven all our failed efforts at community,

All: We are invited afresh to rejoin the family of God, seeking blessing for all.

*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 and the Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 138

New Testament Lesson Matthew 5:23-24

Gospel Lesson Mark 2:20-35

Sermon “Simple Words Can Mean the Most” Pastor Jan

***Hymn** **“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”** **#252 (NCH)**

