



Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word – July 25, 2021
9:30 AM

The Gathering

**Ringling of the Bell
Our Life Together
The Solemn Declaration**

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: We join together as hungry eaters to be nourished by the food that you offer us.

All: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

Leader: As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine, tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth.

All: God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.

Leader: The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.

All: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn “Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way” #465 (NCH)

Call to Confession

The Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Great Provider, we recognize that widespread hunger is no longer necessary. You have given us humans the resources to feed all people, yet we are selfish. While we overfill our bellies with food and lay to waste the spaces needed for crops to flourish, others are crying out for crumbs from our tables. Living God, cultivate within our heart’s reckless generosity, and plant within us spirits of simplicity and balance in body and soul.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Though at times we fail to be generous, your generosity toward us is never-ending! By sending Christ and the Spirit to your people, you have extended generosity beyond measure. Let us now do the same for all those we meet.

*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
New Testament Reading
The Gospel Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-14

Sermon
Jan

“Do I Have Enough Food?”

Pastor

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

God of wonders, who enabled Jesus and Elisha to feed the multitudes, bless these gifts and use them to fill empty stomachs and empty hearts. May our offerings be multiplied to abundantly nourish all of your children.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Ministry of Prayer

Prayers of the People

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

