Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word – July 4, 2021
9:30 AM

The Gathering

Ringing of the Bell
Our Life Together

┼The Solemn Declaration
Prayer of Invocation

Prelude

Call to Worship
Leader: You awaken the sun, O God, to guide us into the new day:
All: Your name, O God, like your praise, sings in every person.
Leader: You speak your Word, O God, to guide us into your kingdom:
All: Your hope, O God, like your joy, echoes in every soul.
Leader: You guide us to those who are looking for you:
All: Your love, O god, like your name, fills the emptiness of every heart.

***Hymn "God Is Truly with Us" #68 (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.

***Choral Response "Gloria Patri" #759 (NCH)**
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.

Call to Confession
The Unison Prayer for Forgiveness
You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, and we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises.
Forgive us, guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Choral Response (please remain seated)
Hymn "Lead Me, Lord" #Insert

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: We open our lips and confess our hearts. God hears our words and makes us new, sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.
All: We hear the good news, we believe the good news, we will live out the good news. Thanks be to God. Amen!

The Gift of the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
The Gospel Reading Mark 6: 1-13

Sermon "With" James Cope

Hymn "Be Still, My Soul" #488 (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**
Outspoken Prophet, hear the message we are speaking through these our gifts and aid us in spreading that message of hope and love to those whose voices have been silenced. May they also strengthen our congregation so that we may continue to listen to those in need. Amen.

The Ministry of Prayer

Prayer of the Day
The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn "How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies" #594 (NCH)**

┼Benediction

┼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.*