



# Emmanuel United Church of Christ

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

We Welcome You on this

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word - August 22, 2021

9:30 AM

## The Gathering

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

**Prelude**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: In this house you will find bread for your life's journey.

**All: In Jesus we find life a-new.**

Leader: Come. Stay awhile and eat this bread so you will never hunger.

**All: In Jesus we find life a-new.**

Leader: Come. Be strengthened in God to withstand the present night and the spiritual forces of evil.

**All: In Jesus we find life a-new.**

**\*Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" #386(NCH)

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe that there is one body of Christ working in the world, one Holy Spirit who sustains and comforts, one hope that stirred our hearts when we heard your call, one Lord who has called us here today, one faith that we strive to live up to daily, one baptism that brings each of us into the family of God, one God and Creator of all, who is over all and through all and in all. We believe that each of us, as a member of God's family, has a calling to fulfill and that in doing so, the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

**The Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

**We profess that you are God, O Holy One. We have no other gods, and yet, we do not always serve you with sincerity and faithfulness. Our "other gods" are not the ones of our ancestors- the ones beyond the river, or in Egypt, or of the Amorites. We struggle with "other gods" here and now who seek to fulfill us by consumerism and with self-importance. We hear gods who instill in us such fear of our enemies that we seek power from weapons of destruction. Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in you. Forgive us that we are skeptical of love's transforming power. We repent of our sins and turn our hearts again to you.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*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**

Psalm 34:15-22

**New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 6:10-20

**The Gospel Reading**

John 6:56-69

**Sermon**

"Fresh Baked Bread"

Pastor Jan

**\*Hymn**

**"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"**

**#336(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**

**Accept our offerings of praise in grateful thanksgiving for your presence in our lives and the many blessings you bestow upon us. Consecrate our offering, O God, that it may become bread to fill the emptiness and heal the brokenness of the lives in this community and beyond. And may we be reminded that our real life begins when we give with generous hearts to proclaim the gospel in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen**

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The Ministry of Prayer

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Prayers of the People

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

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The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

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**Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #76 (NCH)**

**\*Benediction**

Leader: You are now filled to the brim with the goodness of God

**All: We have been nourished by Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, and the power of the Holy Spirit,**

Leader: Go in peace to serve God in all that you think, all that you do and all that you say. God's peace will always be with you.

**All: Amen**

**\*Charge**

**\*Three-fold Amen #812 (NCH)**

**\*Postlude**

