



Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ
We Welcome You on this
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word – October 3, 2021
9:30 AM

The Gathering

Ringing of the Church Tower Bell
Our Life Together
The Solemn Declaration
Prelude

***Hymn** "Nearer My God, to You" #606 (NCH)

*Call to Worship

Leader: We were created in relationship for relationship

All: We are created for community!

Leader: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

All: We are created for community!

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

All: We are created for community!

Leader: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

All: We are created for community!

Choral Response "Here, O Lord, I See You Face to Face" #336 (NCH)
Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here share the cup, the gracious gift of heaven; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

The Refreshment of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

The Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

God made flesh, bone of our bone. We confess that we think we can go it alone. That we try to do it all. That in doing so we neglect the gifts you have given us. The bone of our bone, the flesh of our flesh. The bodies You created, and the relationship You created us for. Jesus Christ, You who lived in a human body call us to community. Remind us that in You we are one. Awake in us a respect for one another. Celebrate with us the diversity within that unity. May it be so now and forever.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Choral Response "Here, O Lord, I See You Face to Face" #336 (NCH)
Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear; the meal, but not your love, is past and gone. This joyful feast confirms that you are here; now and forever, as our shield and sun.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: You are the divine creation, and it is not right for you to be alone. Know now that you are forgiven and called back into relationship with God and with one another.

All: 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.

A Time for All of God's Children

The Gift of the Word

Choral Response "Here, O Lord, I See You Face to Face" #336 (NCH)
We have no help but Yours, nor do we need another strength than Yours to lean upon. It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed; our faith is in Your might, Your might alone.

The Holy Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 8

New Testament: Hebrews 2:5-12

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Sermon "Jesus Was a Dairy Farmer" Pastor Jan

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.

