

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"

Take whatever I can offer, gifts that I have yet

#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 all creation, breathe Your life-giving breath upon these gifts that they might be a blessing to all flesh. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

*Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #347 (NCH)

*Benediction

Leader: As people who have been fed, go now to feed the world. As those who

have been given hope, bring hope in places of despair.

All: May God help us to do so.

Leader: And always remember that we are never cut off from the Source.

The Bread of Life, the True Vine is with us always.

All: Thanks be to the One who hosts the banquet! Amen.

*Charge

*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.

