



Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word - November 21, 2021

9:30 AM

Reign of Christ Sunday

The Gathering

Ringling of the Church Tower Bell

Our Life Together

The Solemn Declaration

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have chosen to be here, where God remembers us.

All: God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Leader: Like leaves skipping over the carpet of grass.

All: God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Leader: Lie the first glimpses of the sun peeking over the horizon.

All: God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Leader: Like the moon lighting our way on a cloudless, autumn night.

All: God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

*Invocation (Unison)

Almighty God: from the beginning of time to the end of eternity, you have chosen to use your power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as your people. King of Kings and Lord of Lords: you became weak so you could confront the strength of sin and death, confounding their ridicule with your resurrection. Spirit of God, resting upon us: may your power enflame us with your peace; may your peace touch us with your grace; may your grace fill us with your hope; may your hope lead us into your kingdom. God in community, Holy in One, may your word be on our lips, as we worship together here in this place. Amen.

*Hymn

"Crown with Your Richest Crowns"

#301 (NCH)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. Choosing the lies of the world, your Word has not been on our lips. Choosing independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others. Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life. Forgive us, God who became weak for our

sake. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Choral Response

"Kyrie"

#750 (NCH)

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Shout for joy, children of God! The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you.

All: God's Spirit rests upon us, grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. 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.

*Affirmation of Faith

"A New Creed"

Leader: We are not alone. We live in God's world.

All: We believe in God: who has created and is creating. Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil. To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Listening for the Word

A Time with the Children

Hymn of Preparation

"Spirit of the Living God"

#283(NCH)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

The Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 23: 1-7

A New Testament Reading Revelations 1: 4-8

