

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

Welcomes YOU on this Third Sunday after Epiphany
We are warmed by your presence among us this day
Service Liturgy - January 23, 2022 9:30 AM



Gathering around the Word

Our Life Together
Prelude
The Solemn Declaration
Call to Worship

Leader: This day is holy to our Wise God!

All: We gather to listen for God's word, to discern God's will, to worship with God's people.

Leader: This day is holy to our Joyful God!

All: We are members of Christ's body, Christ's family, Christ's church.

Leader: This day is holy to our powerful God!

All: The Spirit of God is upon us, and we have been anointed to bring good news to all.

Leader: This day is holy to our sweet God!

All: May the words in our mouths and the thoughts in our hearts delight you, O God. Let us worship our Holy God!

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" #273 (NCH)**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Do we make you laugh or weep, Gracious God? We sing that we are one in your Spirit, but cannot tolerate those who disagree with us. We talk of being one Body, but fight over music or Bible versions or carpet colors. We affirm the giftedness of each person, but we heap honor on just a special few. Forgive us, Creative God, that we dismember your Body so easily. May the words of our mouths speak peace to the brokenness in our world; may the hopes of our hearts bring wonder to those in despair; and may our love embrace all who are around us, even as we have been welcomed by your grace in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Forgiven, we are filled by God's Spirit, commissioned to be Christ's hope, Christ's people for the world.

All: Anointed, we can care for one another, weep with one another, serve one another, and live with one another. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Choral Response "Glory Patri" #759 (NCH)**
Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Listening for the Word

A Time with the Children and Dismissal to Sunday School

Prayer of Preparation #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

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31
Luke 4: 14-21

Message

"Anatomy Review"

Jim Cope

Hymn of Faith "God of Change and Glory" #177 (NCH)

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

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**

Though many different amounts and ways, when gathered up by you, our gifts become a food pantry, a rebuilt life, medicine for children, a caregiver to the lonely – your grace in action. In love we offer these gifts in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission** **“Arise, Your Light Is Come”** **#164 (NCH)**

***Benediction**

Leader: Go your way, united as one Body and rejoicing in the fulfillment of God’s word among you.

All: We do not all have the same gifts, but we are blessed to be able to share what we have with one another and with all creation.

Leader: May the joy of the Lord be your strength this day, and every day.

All: Amen and amen.

***Closing Response** **“Go Walk with God”** **Tune #362 (NCH)**

**Go walk with God in all you do,
And may God’s love bring joy to you.
May gifts of peace fill all your days,
And may God’s truth guide you always.**

**We thank you, Lord, for life to share
Through learning, serving, praise and prayer.
And when we say good-bye to friends,
We thank you, Lord: Love never ends.**

*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.*



*You are the body of Christ!
Each one of you is a part of it.*