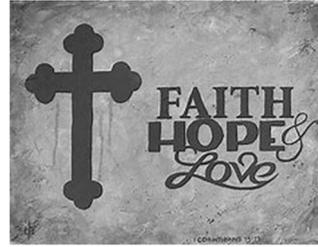


Emmanuel United Church of Christ

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



Gathering around the Word

Ringling of the Church Tower Bell

Our Life Together

The Solemn Declaration

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: God has called each one of us to serve, using the gifts we have been given.

All: I don't know where to start.

Leader: Place your trust in God's guidance.

All: What if I fail?

Leader: God is with you, place your trust in God's presence.

All: Help me to trust in God and in God's gracious gifts to me. Help me to serve others in God's name

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn **"Sing Them Over Again to Me"** #319 (NCH)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task. We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that you expect so much from us. Forgive our ignorance, our stubbornness, and our stupidity, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that you offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love and support. It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. Let our work be part of the fulfillment of the mandate of Jesus Christ when He made His proclamation in the synagogue so long ago. For it is in His Name that we pray.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even before we were born, God knew us. God has always been with us. Place your trust in God's presence and forgiving love.

All: We will rejoice in God's love for each one of us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*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.**

*Affirmation of Faith

"God the Provider"

**We believe in the God who provides for our every need,
Who has an answer to our deepest questions,
And a purpose for us in life.
Today we praise God the provider.
We believe in Jesus Christ, our holy brother,
Who stands by our side when light turns into darkness,
Who suffers our pain and turns it into a blessing.
For the presence of Christ in our lives,
We praise God the provider.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life,
Who inspires us when our spirits are dried up,
Who creates something new when old structures crumble.
For the spirit of hope and renewal,
We praise God the provider.
Amen.**

Listening for the Word

A Time for the Children of all ages

Choral Response

#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 Reading

*Old Testament Lesson Psalm 71:1-6
New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 13
The Gospel Lesson Luke 4:21-30*

Sermon

"An Apple From the Teacher"

Pastor Jan

Hymn of Faith

"Lord, I Want To Be a Christian"

#454 (NCH)

Prayers of the People

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**

Nurturing God, You remind us that faith without love is meaningless. We present these gifts with love. We rejoice in our ability to share. May this moment of giving warm our hearts and stir our souls so that we remember to act consistently out of love in the name of Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Mission "Jesus Shall Reign" #300 (NCH)**

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**



*You are the apple of
God's eye.*

*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.*