

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

Welcomes YOU on this Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
We are warmed by your presence among us this day
Service Liturgy - February 13, 2022 9:30 AM
Bonni Lucas, Supply Pastor



Gathering around the Word

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

Call to Worship

Leader: May the God of blessings and woes, bless us this day with lives filled with love, caring, generosity, and deep, abiding hope.

All: We pray that God's kingdom will dwell among all people, and that we may be instruments of God's love and God's grace.

Leader: May our hearts be opened with the joy of healing a world filled with darkness and pain.

All: Oh God, in the name of the One who taught us the ways of light and love, be in our worship and in our very lives.

Prayer of Invocation

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess what we are afraid to face, Blessing God, that the seductions of this world gnaw at our hearts. We have more and more to choose from at the market, and so we forget those whose only choice is hunger. Our sense that we are your favorites causes us to make fun of those we are convinced are not. We are so consumed with saving enough for the future, we overlook those who have so little this day.

Forgive us, Heartbroken God, for thinking we are the center of your world. Pour your living water into us, so we might send down roots deep into your heart, and so become those people who are blessings to others, as we have received the gift of new life from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Time for silent reflection)

Choral Response "I Need You Every Hour" verse 1 # 517 (NCH)
I need you every hour, O God of grace; the peace your voice affords, I now embrace. I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you; O bless me now, my Savior; I come to you.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Blessed are you: for God forgives you and restores you to new life.
Rejoice in this day and dance for joy!

All: Thanks be to God! Our faith is true, and our hope is grounded in the promises of the One we can trust not only this day, but in every day to come. Amen.

***Praise Response "Gloria Patri" #759 (TNCH)**
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

Choral Prayer for Illumination #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

Jeremiah 17: 5-10 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
Luke 6: 17-26

Message

Hymn of Faith "Blessed Assurance" #473 (NCH) Pastor Bonni Lucas

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Call to Offering
Offertory

***Offertory Response “Take My Gifts” #562 (TNCH)**

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**

You pour out your abundance on us, Loving God. Enliven and embolden us so that we can alleviate the sufferings of others, turn their woes into blessings, and their emptiness into overflowing grace and life. Take the gifts we offer and use them in the work of your new life which is in our midst. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission “Come, We Who Love God’s Name” #382 (TNCH)**

***Charge and Benediction**

Leader: Go from this place as those who are blessed.

All: We will live in God’s love.

Leader: Go from this place as trees planted beside living waters.

All: We will drink of Christ’s mercy.

Leader: Go from this place to bear the fruit of righteousness.

All: We will share the Spirit’s strength with everyone we meet.

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

**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.*