

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

Welcomes YOU on this Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
We are warmed by your presence among us this day
Service Liturgy - February 20, 2022 9:30 AM



Gathering around the Word

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

Call to Worship

Leader: We come, those who seek to trust in God.

All: We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.

Leader: We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

All: We would not worry, but open ourselves to God's heart.

Leader: We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

All: We will be still, listening for God's words of hope, peace and love.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn

"O for a World"

#575 (NCH)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways; it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them. We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated. Help us to live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Trust in Jesus' promise: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you will get back."

All: God is good, and generous, and loving.

*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

We love You and entrust ourselves to You, God, Creator of all, You who are Love: wherever there is love, there You are. We love You and entrust ourselves to you, Jesus. You are Christ: You embodied God's love, feeding and healing, extending companionship to the outcast and the 'unworthy.' You showed us how to love; and the cost of love; and the power of love. For your love that disturbed power structures You were crucified; but in love You were raised from the dead. For Your love is more powerful than anger, fear or violence. We love You and entrust ourselves to You, Holy Spirit for You are the Oneness that unites us with all, neighbor and stranger, friend and enemy. You are the energy of Love that enables us to bless, to serve, to forgive and to extend healing to all people. In the power of Your grace, as one Body in You, we devote our lives to love, generosity and justice, in the name of Christ. 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

Psalter Lesson Psalm 37:1-11

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:35-38 and 42-50

The Gospel Lesson Luke 6:27-38

Sermon

"What Recipe Will You Use?"

Pastor Jan

Hymn of Faith

"We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed"

#540 (NCH)

Responding to the Word

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**

Bless these gifts, that we have received from Your bounty, and send them forth to those in need, whether they be friend or foe. For all are your beloved children and our sisters and brothers. Amen.

***Hymn of Mission** **“Pass it On”** **Insert**

***Benediction**

Leader: God with God's blessings.

All: As followers of Jesus, we will do good for those who hate us.

Leader: Go with God's blessings.

All: As followers of Jesus, we will bless those who curse us and pray for those who persecute us.

Leader: Go with God's blessings.

All: As followers of Jesus, we will do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Leader: Go with God's blessings.

***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.*