

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

Welcomes YOU on this Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
We are warmed by your presence among us this day
Service Liturgy - February 6, 2022 9:30 AM



Gathering around the Word

Ringling of the Tower Bell
Our Life Together
The Solemn Declaration
Prelude
Call to Worship

Leader: From fishing fleets and busy harbors,

All: God gathers simple sailors.

Leader: Through persecution and injustice,

All: God calls brave prophets.

Leader: When we least expect it,

All: Christ gathers us in, and calls us to follow him.

Leader: Let us gather and answer Christ's call.

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn** "Holy,Holy,Holy" #277 (NCH)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of wonder and joy, we look in the mirror and do not see holiness reflected back. We long to be sisters and brothers with others, but don't want to be an intrusion in our friends' lives. We yearn to be more compassionate, yet it is often spite and malice we offer to someone else. We are so busy listening to those internal I-pods, that we have trouble hearing the cries of loneliness coming from those around us. Forgive us, God who longs to be enthroned in our hearts. You call us to different lives, so we might make a difference for all who hurt. You invite us into your kingdom, so we might show others the way. You challenge us to take a risk by following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might become your children once again.

(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: The One who alone is Holy became wholly human so we might see the face of grace. The One who is seated in the heavens endured the cross so we might see the face of salvation. This is our good news: we are forgiven!

All: Bu God's grace, with God's grace, we are who we are meant to be: forgiven, restored, called people. Thanks be to God!

***Praise Response** "Gloria 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.**

***Affirmation of Faith**

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God. You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God. You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your Gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Listening for the Word

A Time with the Children and Dismissal to Sunday School

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.**

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Readings

Isaiah 6: 1-13 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

Message

Hymn of Faith "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult" Jim Cope #172 (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 (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**

Increase the strengths of these gifts, and the strength of our ministries, O God. Expand the nets of our love, that we may reach deeply and share abundantly. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission** **“Here I Am, Lord”** **#Insert**

***Charge and Benediction**

Leader: Filled with God’s grace, we will go,

All: to share hope with those in despair, to befriend the lonely and afraid.

Leader: Filled with God’s grace, we will follow Jesus,

All: to offer justice to those forgotten by the world, to embrace those filled with grief and loss.

Leader: Filled with God’s grace, we are empowered by the Spirit,

All: to bring peace into all the brokenness around us, to walk in faith beside our sisters and brothers.

***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.*