



Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Service of the Word - April 10, 2022

9:30 AM

The Gathering

Ringing of the Church Tower Bell

Our Life Together

The Solemn Declaration

Prelude

Call to Worship

Sung Response

“Insert”

**What in our lives do we dream about for tomorrow, void of sorrow?
Time spent regretting decisions of our yesterdays, mistakes we made?
Sometimes we get what we get,
life disappoints us and yet,
God is still here and somehow; this faith is good enough. [repeat]**

Calling on God (In an Attitude of Prayer)

A Time with the Children

***Opening Hymn**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

#216 (NCH)

Call to Confession

Leader: Jesus orchestrated a low-budget parade into a city where he knew his days were numbered. “Get me a colt,” he said. Not a steed. Not a float. A young, green donkey (not the color, that’s horse-speak for not-ridden-a lot-yet). And folks gathered and his friends started some liturgical shouting that ticked off the local priests. Life is hard and we all need friends and sometimes big, loud, praying that will not be messed with. We are created for interdependence. So, all our hiding and pretending that we are “perfectly fine” all on our own just won’t work. Get on the donkey when you need to and let people lay down their cloaks for you and make some noise for you. ‘Cause you know you’ll do it for

them too when the chips are down. What keeps you from connectedness with others? Let us take a moment of silent reflection...

Silent Reflection

Leader: Hear this compassionate word from the Letter to the Philippians: “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...”

Know that already, God is offering us freedom from isolation as we are called into the kind of community Christ had in mind for all.

We are invited to the audacity of interdependence so that we might recognize love in its giving and receiving.

And know, that despite our sometimes-faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God! Amen.

***Choral Response**

“Gloria Patri”

#759 (NCH)

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.

Listening for the Word

Hymn of Preparation

“Spirit of the Living God”

#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.

First Reading

Psalm 118:19-29

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:28-40

Sermon

“Donkey Sunday”

Pastor Jan

Call to Offering

Offertory

Offertory Response

“Doxology”

#780 (NCH)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know,
Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow,
Praise Three-in-One, from here below.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Generous God,
in light of your extravagant blessings—
no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives—
we offer our gifts and ourselves,
and know that you transform what we plant
into the produce of love.
Amen.**

Ministry of Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Jesus (debts and debtors)

Passion Story

The Draping of the Cross

**Let us all depart in silence as we journey
together into Holy Week.**

*Indicates that all who are able. Please stand. **Bold** print indicates unison reading.

Mission Statement: *The mission of Emmanuel United Church of Christ is to make
disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

