

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

Welcomes YOU on this Third Sunday of Easter

We are warmed by your presence among us this day

Service Liturgy - May 1, 2022 9:30 AM



Gathering around the Word

Ringing of the Tower Bell
Our Life Together
The Solemn Declaration

Prelude

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

Leader: Now is the time to sing! The time to sing the good news of God:

All: who awakens us with dawn's embrace, who surrounds us with joy and life.

Leader: Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:

All: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment with a gentle hand and a word of hope.

Leader: Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

All: We will sing the good news of Easter! We will rejoice in the God who loves us.

*Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

#Insert

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Now that Easter is done and gone, Holy One, we no longer hear the special music, but listen to temptation's familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but wander the crooked streets to our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done. Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts, you know the way out of our messy lives, and so take us by the hand to lead us. You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Why should we weep? Joy comes to us this morning, and every moment of our lives. The Lamb of God has come, to share mercy and hope with us, so we can praise our God with joyous hearts.

All: We will lift glad songs of joy, for all the blessings God has given to us. We will offer our hearts and hands in love and to serve others. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*Praise Response

"Alleluia, Alleluia" v. one

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Listening for the Word

A Time with the Children and Dismissal to Sunday School

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Readings

Psalm 30 Acts 9: 1-20

John 21: 1-19

Message

"A Renewed YES"

Pastor Cope

Hymn of Faith

"Listen to Your Savior Call"

#250(NCH)

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Choral Response

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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**

Thank you, God, for the gifts and ministries of your people. Grant that this offering given in thanksgiving for all the blessings you have given us will fill empty hearts with love and will proclaim your honor and glory in the name of Christ Jesus to all people. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission** **“The Day of Resurrection”** **#245(NCH)**

***Charge and Benediction**

Leader: Now it is time to get up and go.

All: We will leave in order to follow God into the world.

Leader: Now it is time to enter the brokenness all around us.

All: We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.

Leader: Now it is time to bring words of hope and grace to all.

All: The Spirit will give us the words we need in every moment.

***Closing Response** **“Lift High the Cross v.1”** **#198(NCH)**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.**

**Come Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ the Child of God.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.**

*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.*