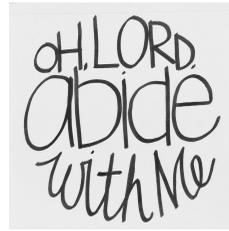


Emmanuel United Church of Christ

Welcomes YOU on this Sixth Sunday of Easter
We are warmed by your presence among us this day
Service Liturgy - May 22, 2022 9:30 AM
Dr. James Cope, Pastor
Jan Garinger, Pastor in Care



Gathering around the Word

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

All: We come, with the pain of our burdens. We come to hear God's word of hope for us.

Leader: Together, we will sing songs of joy; each of us will hear God whisper our name, 'Beloved of my heart.'

All: We will join our voices in prayer and praise; we sing of our longing for new lives.

Leader: Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light; here we discover that God dwells in us.

All: And not just us, for God would teach all to love; God's Spirit would lead all people in peace.

***Hymn** "Ask Me What Great Thing I Know" #49 (NCH)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not in us.

You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and new lives within us, Healing God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, and your love.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Word which can transform us is not some idle gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.

All: In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Praise 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.**

Listening for the Word

A Time with the Children and Dismissal to Sunday School

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Readings

The Psalter Reading: Psalm 67

The New Testament Reading: Acts 16: 9-15

The Gospel Reading: John 14: 23-29

Message

"I Am Still with You"

Pastor Cope

Hymn of Faith

"Abide with Me"

#99 (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 (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**

We do not only offer our gifts to you, but our community to all who are lonely, our hearts to all who are grieving, our hope to all who have lost their way, and our lives to all who are tossed aside by the world. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission** **“Blessed Assurance”** **#473 (NCH)**

***Charge and Benediction**

Leader: Creator God, may your peace go with us wherever we will be this day.

All: May you guide us through the challenges, protect us when in need, and inspire us with your love.

Leader: May we acknowledge your presence in all the human goodness we will see.

All: May you bring us home rejoicing to our place of rest this night.

Leader: Creator God, we now go into this day in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

***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.*