



Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Service of the Word - May 29, 2022

9:30 AM

Pastor Jim Cope

Pastor Jan Garinger

Gathering around the Word

Ringling of the Church Tower Bell

Our Life Together

The Solemn Declaration

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Why do you look upwards?

All: Our Lord has been taken away into heaven.

Leader: Look around you. What do you see?

All: There are so many places where the love of God is needed.

Leader: Look beyond you. Where will you go?

**All: Christ calls to go into the world, bringing God's healing love to all.
Amen.**

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn "Sing Them Over Again to Me" #319 (NCH)**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creating God, In selfishness and insecurity, we have traded your healing for our hatred, Your calling for our comfort, Your truth for our traditions, Your covenant for our conventions, Your faithfulness for our fragmentation, Your care and our convenience, Your solidarity for our self-righteousness, Your promises for our praise. Forgive us we pray. Speak to us again of your love, that we may know you, and by knowing you, we may once again be made whole.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beloved of God, hear the good news. God's love never fails us. Even in our division and despair, God desires to be made known.

All: We are forgiven. We are welcome. We are one. Amen.

***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.**

Listening for the Word

A Time for the Children of all ages

Choral Response

Tune #517 (NCH)

**I need Thee every hour, Teach me thy will.
And thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior I come to Thee.**

The Scripture Reading

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 97

New Testament Lesson

Acts 16:16-34

The Gospel Lesson

John 17:20-26

Sermon

"Are You Gifted or Rift-gifted?"

Pastor Jan

Hymn of Faith

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

#476 (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**
God of mercy, you set before us a feast of love in giving Christ to the world. Accept this offering as an expression of our love for you and others. Use this so that your good news may gladden the lonely, bring hope to the oppressed, heal the sick, and aid the poor in Christ’s name we pray. Amen

***Honoring and Remembering Those That Paid the Ultimate Sacrifice**

***Hymn of Mission** **“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”** **Insert**

***Benediction**

Leader: We are called to witness to God’s love.

All: We will prepare our hearts and spirits to receive power from on high.

Leader: Go into God’s world in confidence, offering healing and hope to all you meet.

All: We will go in peace and love. Amen

***Closing Response** **“God Be With You”** **#81 (NCH)**

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsel guide, uphold you,
With His shepherd’s care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again...

***Postlude**

* 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.