



*Emmanuel United Church of Christ*  
 A Congregation of the United Church of Christ  
 We Welcome You on this Second Sunday after Pentecost  
 Service of the Word - June 19, 2022  
 9:30 AM  
 Pastor Jim Cope  
 Pastor Jan Garinger

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Gathering around the Word

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**Ringing of the Church Tower Bell**  
**Our Life Together**  
**The Solemn Declaration**  
**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams of water, our souls reach out to seek our God.

**All: Where is our God? In the cleansing of the rain, in the refreshing of a pool, in the predictability of a faucet.**

Leader: With glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, our voices lift toward our God.

**All: Where is our God? In the melody of voices raised in concert, in the stillness of silence, in the cacophony of spontaneous praise.**

Leader: As deep calls to deep, we come to worship the Living God.

**All: Where is our God? In the echoes of our prayers, in the reverence of bowed heads, in the hope of raised faces. The Holy One is with us.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Hymn "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" #18 (NCH)**

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Life is sometimes like a giant spider web. We seem to get caught and entangled in its threads, not knowing which way to turn or how to extricate ourselves from the dilemmas in which we are trapped. Lord, you know that so many of these dilemmas and burdens are of our own creation, coming out of our stubbornness

and fear. We find it much easier to turn our back on people in need, or just write a check and hope that the problems go away. Forgive us when we decide not to become involved in the solution, when we would rather back off from helping and turn and run for cover. Give us an extra measure of courage and strength along with your forgiving love, that we may again place our whole trust in you. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

*(Time for silent reflection)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Let go of all that binds you in sorrow. Christ has broken those bonds and reaches out in love for you.

**All: We will receive God's loving blessings because we know that they are given especially for each one of us.**

**\*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.**

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Listening for the Word

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**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**

<i>Psalter Lesson</i>	<i>Psalm 42</i>
<i>New Testament Lesson</i>	<i>Galatians 3:23-29</i>
<i>The Gospel Lesson</i>	<i>Luke 8:26-39</i>

**Sermon**

"Keep It Or Toss It?"

Pastor Jan

**Hymn of Faith**

"Be Not Dismayed"

#460 (NCH)

**Honoring Fathers**

