

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

Welcomes YOU on this Third Sunday after Pentecost
We are warmed by your presence among us this day

Service Liturgy - June 26, 2022 9:30 AM

James Cope, Pastor

Jan Garinger, Pastor in Care

Gathering around the Word



Our Life Together
The Solemn Declaration
Prelude
Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Spirit is moving us,

All: To care for the world God has given us, as stewards of God's gifts.

Leader: The Spirit is moving us,

All: To follow Christ's call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: The Spirit is moving us,

All: To boldly proclaim God's reign of justice and peace.

Leader: The Spirit is moving us now, in this time of worship:

All: May we be filled with the Holy Spirit, for the holy work of God.

***Hymn** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #495 (NCH)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Redeeming God, how easily we say we would follow you, but how often we live as if we don't have a clue as to what that means. We choose to gossip about our friends, rather than surrounding them with love. Our competitive nature will us to win at all costs, when we could be engaged in costly service. We expect others to do for us and rarely ask what we might do for them.

Forgive us, High and Holy One. Set us free to serve in love and compassion; help us to feast on the fruit the Spirit offers to us; put us on the path of faithful discipleship, as we walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

(A time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, call to mind what God has done for you; think about how God's love comes in fresh and surprising ways; reflect on the fruit of the Spirit poured out upon you.

All: We will remember all the wonder, all the joy, all the mercy which is ours. From the rich abundance of the Spirit's fruit, we will serve others. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Praise 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

A Time with the Children and Dismissal to Sunday School
Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

The New Testament Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

The Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 51-62

Message

"Friend on the Journey"

Pastor Cope

Hymn of Faith

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

#539 (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**

Receive our humble offerings, O Lord, for your work in the world. Bless those who give, those who send, and those who will receive these gifts. May our offering sow seeds of hope and bear the fruit of love wherever they are sown. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission** **“O Savior, Let Me Walk with You”** **#503 (NCH)**

***Benediction**

Leader: May God, who began a good work in you continue to be at work in your life,

All: guiding, teaching and equipping us until Jesus returns.

Leader: May you love and compassion continue to grow—a love that is full of knowledge and wise insight,

All: so that we will be able to recognize what really matters, and live a pure and blameless life.

Leader: May you live a life centered in the Holy Spirit, a life that bears rich fruit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, tolerance and self-control--

All: all the good things that come from following the Spirit, for living this way will bring much glory and praise to God.

***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.*