

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this Sixth Sunday

after Pentecost

Service of the Word – July 17, 2022

9:30 AM

Pastor Jim Cope

Pastor Jan Garinger



Gathering around the Word

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ was born among us!

All: God lives within our world.

Leader: Because of God-with us, life is full of promise for You and for me.
Life is full of promise for our community.

All: We celebrate today the presence of God's promise in our midst.

Leader: The promise of a small child coming into a crowded, hurting world,
and growing to be a liberator.

All: It is the promise of You and me, struggling and stumbling together, growing and celebrating, reaching out to make a new presence in our world.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" #112 (RED)**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift You gave freely. We have buried You so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see You. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored Your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against Your love, we have built

fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, free us from our captivity, free us to a life lived in joy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: How much does God love us? Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us.

All: Not by our speaking or doing, but by God's good and precious grace are we saved. Thanks be to God! 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

First Reading

Romans 15:14-20

Second Reading

Luke 2:6-15

Sermon

"We Need a Little Christmas"

Pastor Jan

Hymn of Faith

"Joy To The World"

#120 (RED)

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

