

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

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

Service Liturgy - July 24, 2022 9:30 AM

Dr. James Cope, Pastor

Jan Garinger, Pastor in Care

Gathering around the Word



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

*Call to Worship

Leader: It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, and all the questions of our hearts.

All: We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, of hope, of joy God speaks to us.

Leader: It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

All: We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.

Leader: It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

All: We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

*Hymn "Come Now, Almighty God" #275 (TNCH)

Call to Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people, but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world.

Forgive us, God. Open our eyes to our sisters and brothers all around us. Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presences of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you.

(A moment for silent reflection and prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom.

All: In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life. 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 with the Children and Dismissal to Sunday School

Hymn of Meditation "Take Time to Be Holy" **verse1** #Insert

The Scripture Readings

The New Testament Reading: Colossians 2: 6-15

The Gospel Reading: Luke 11: 1-13

Hymn of Meditation "Take Time to Be Holy" **verse3** #Insert

Message "As it is in Heaven" Pastor Cope

Hymn of Faith "Close to Thee" #Insert

Responding to the Word

Silent Prayer Meditation *(Please be seated)*

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**

Before you, O God, we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. We lay our gifts before you in praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings. May these offerings continue the transforming work of your Spirit in and through our congregation, our community, and our world. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission** **“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”** **#290 (TNCH)**

***Benediction**

Leader: You have heard the words of peace and hope from God, so go.

All: We will go to speak to those filled with fear and doubt.

Leader: You have been reminded of the One who came looking for us, so go.

All: We will go to search for all tossed aside by the world.

Leader: You have been embraced in the love and grace of the Spirit, so go.

All: We will go to open our hearts to all searching for hope.

Leader: And now....

***Closing Response** **“Lift High the Cross v.1”** **#198 (TNCH)**

**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.*