

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word - July 31, 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: Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.

All: The Holy One is in our midst. Let praise God!

Leader: We cry out to our God in times of trouble and the Savior eases our distress.

All: The Holy One is in our midst. God leads us on the right paths.

Leader: Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs.

All: The Holy One is in our midst. We are blessed by God's steadfast love!

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #42(NCH)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Oh God, how fear compels us. It drives so many of the decisions we make each day. It keeps us awake at night and full of worry by day. The world tells us to be afraid, but that is in such contrast to the command you have given us so many times in your Word. Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid. You've said it over and over, and yet we confess that we don't trust you. We believe that humans know better than our great God. Lord, release us from fear. Drive out the lies that we

hold onto so tightly. Let us trust fully in your promise that you are always with us. We surrender our concerns to you. Replace them with your peace.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The God of mercy bends toward us with love and hope. The Holy One leads us when we wander and find it hard to trust and our faith grows thin. God nourishes our hunger for newness of life.

All: In God, grace abounds freely, abundantly, and extravagantly.

*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

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading

<i>Psalter Reading</i>	Psalm 37:1-8
<i>Old Testament Reading</i>	Proverbs 3:1-8
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	John 14:20-29

Sermon

"Be Not Afraid"

Pastor Jan

Hymn of Faith

"Trust and Obey"

Insert

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**

Loving God, may we demonstrate our love through these gifts. Bless our offering and magnify it so that it will be a blessing to all those in need. We give this offering from the abundant gifts of life and love that you freely give to us. Amen

***Hymn of Mission** **“What a Covenant”** **#471 (NCH)**

***Benediction**

Leader: The world we now enter can be very frightening. Do not be afraid.
For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. You belong to an unshakeable kingdom and to an unshakable God.

All: We will go now, in boldness, with peace in our hearts and in our souls. 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.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Emmanuel United Church of Christ is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.