



Emmanuel United Church of Christ
A Congregation of the United Church of Christ
We Welcome You on this
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word—August 14, 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: Jesus said “As the Father has loved me, so I will love you.”

All: We will live on in Jesus’ love.

Leader: Jesus said, “You will live in my love as you keep my commandments”

All: We will live on God’s love.

Leader: Jesus said, “All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete”

All: We will keep this commandment: we will love one another as Jesus has loved us.

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn “Listen to Your Savior Call” #250(NCH)**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of healing mercies, we come to you this day as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love, yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts, or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. We have been given the pathway to peace in the witness of Jesus Christ. He taught us to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own gratification. We have failed to be

your church, your witnesses on earth. We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort. Forgive us, O merciful God. Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us again to you, that we may again learn of your love and mercy. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: A chapter in Ephesians says “because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved”

All: We will remember God’s love and mercies, and faithfulness. 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

Hymn of Preparation “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (Verse 2) #292(NCH)

The Scripture Reading

New Testament Reading *1 Corinthians 13:1-15*
Gospel Reading *John 15:9-17*

Hymn of Preparation “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (Verse 3) #292(NCH)

Sermon “Yes Jesus Loves Me” Pastor Jan

Hymn of Faith “Jesus Loves Me” #327(NCH)

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**
Generous God, you are always with us, always caring for us, always drawing us together. We are so grateful for your loving presence. We bring our gifts before you today, that this offering may reach out in love to your people everywhere. Amen.

***Hymn of Mission** **“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”** **#403 (NCH)**

***Benediction**

Leader: Go forth in the strength of God’s glorious power.

All: We will forth in the hope and peace of Christ.

Leader: Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: We will forth with God’s love.

***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.