

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

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

Service Liturgy - August 21, 2022 9:30 AM

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: We may be thirsty and parched, like an unwatered garden, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Divine One is a spring of water!

Leader: We may be weary from worry and work so we come into God's presence:

All: The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

Leader: We may be lost or confused so we come into God's presence:

All: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

Leader: We may be bent over with struggle or pain so we come into God's presence:

All: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

***Hymn "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" #307 (TNCH)**

Call to Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different. Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. So may we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more.

(A moment for silent reflection and prayer.)



Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us, but to listen to our prayers.
God chooses not to shame us, but to save us.

All: This is, indeed, good news for us! We are set free to drink deeply from the waters of life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Praise Response "Gloria Patri" #759 (TNCH)**
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.

An Affirmation of Faith "A New Creed" (United Church of Canada)
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others
by the Spirit. We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve
others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks
be to God.

Listening for the Word

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

The Scripture Readings

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-29

The Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 10-17

Message

"The Holy One is Here"

Pastor Cope

Hymn of Faith

"Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord"

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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**

May we welcome your gifts with thanksgiving, Loving God. May we share your gifts with grace, so others might be touched by your love, healed by your touch, fed and nourished by your compassion as well as the fruit of your creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission** **“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”** **#23 (TNCH)**

***Benediction**

Leader: Having been welcomed with grace, let us go out this day.

All: We will go to serve all of God's children, deciding to meet them where they are.

Leader: Having listened to God's Word, let us go to share what we have learned.

All: We will go to stand with those who are uncertain about life, to walk with those who have stumbled on their journey.

Leader: Having been set free by the Spirit let us go to be sisters and brothers with all.

All: We will go to release those bound by cruelty and injustice, to bring healing to those bent over and crippled by fears.

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.*