



## Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word–August 28, 2022

9:30 AM

Pastor Jim Cope  
Pastor Jan Garinger

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### Gathering around the Word

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Ringing of the Church Bell

Our Life Together

The Solemn Declaration

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

**All: We sing a song of peace and hope.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord a song of strength.

**All: Our strength is in the Lord of hosts.**

Leader: Sing a song of joy.

**All: Our song is a song of service and faithfulness.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn                    “Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good”                    #476(NCH)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the light; but the seductive light too often captures us and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. We have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to

help others and to serve you. Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is your way to true life.

*(Time for silent reflection)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Psalm 28:6-7 says “Praise be to the LORD, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me.”

**All: “My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. 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.**

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### Listening for the Word

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A Time for the Children of all ages

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

**The Scripture Reading**

*Psalter Reading*

Psalm 98

*Gospel Reading*

Matthew 11:25-30

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

Sermon

“Sing, Sing a Song”

Pastor Jan

Hymn of Faith

“In My Heart There Rings a Melody”

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### Responding to the Word

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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, having received so much from you, we offer our time, our talents and our treasures to you gracious Savior, that they may bring hope, gladness, and love to a hurting world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Mission                    “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”                    #476(NCH)**

**\*Benediction**

Leader: As we leave this place,

**All: we will go into the world singing God’s praises.**

Leader: As we leave this place,

**All: we will go forth and sing songs of God’s love for all to hear.**

Leader: Let us go now—singing these songs with voices deep and strong.  
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.*