

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

Welcomes YOU on this Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
We are warmed by your presence among us this day
Service Liturgy - August 7, 2022 9:30 AM
Dr. James Cope, Pastor
Jan Garinger, Pastor in Care



Gathering around the Word

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are people who have been called to follow where God leads us.

All: By faith we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.

Leader: We are people who have been challenged to tell God's story to others.

All: By faith we have the ability to share the good news.

Leader: We are God's children who are invited to feast at the Table of grace.

All: By faith we will embrace our sisters and brothers in Christ.

***Hymn "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #403 (TNCH)**

Call to Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

You have a vision of all people as your beloved children, Imaginative God, but we see folks whose language, dress, and skin make them different. You have a vision of a universe filled with goodness and beauty, and we damage it with litter, with violence, with poor choices. You have a vision of a Table where we can feast on your grace and hope, but we line up at the fast food counters of sin and greed.

Forgive us, God, as we confess that we are not "insiders" but immigrants searching for a true home. By faith, may we be willing to be as gracious, as compassionate, and as hopeful as you are. You love us enough to want us to be with you forever, so may we take the hand of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who leads us into your kingdom.

(A moment for silent reflection and prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: There is nothing to fear. God's hope is more tenacious than our despair; God's joy is more resilient than our grief; God's love is more compelling than our hate.

All: By grace, we are gathered to God. By faith, we rest in God's promises of forgiveness and restoration. 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.

Listening for the Word

A Time with the Children and Dismissal to Sunday School

Hymn of Meditation "I Love to Tell the Story" verse 1 #522 (TNCH)

The Scripture Readings

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

The Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 32-40

Hymn of Meditation "I Love to Tell the Story" verse 4 #522 (TNCH)

Message "Faith Looks Up" Pastor Cope

Hymn of Faith "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #Insert

Responding to the Word

Silent Prayer Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

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**

It is by faith that you bless us, hopeful God. So, it is by faith that we offer back to you a portion of what we have and who we are, trusting that you will take these gifts and use them in the work of that kingdom of justice and hope, of grace and wonder, which is yours. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission** **“Great is Your Faithfulness”** **#423 (TNCH)**

***Benediction**

Leader: By faith, let us go out as God’s people.

All: We will gather others around us and dance into God’s kingdom.

Leader: By faith, let us go to follow Jesus to serve with compassion and grace.

All: We will share the good news of hope and peace with everyone we meet.

Leader: By faith, let us go to join the Holy Spirit in welcoming all of God’s children.

All: We will add as many chairs as are needed, so all may feast on God’s love.

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.*