

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word-September 11, 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: For the beauty of a country scene

All: We praise you Lord of sight

Leader: For the coolness of a mountain stream

All: We praise you Lord of touch

Leader: For a nightingale in tuneful song

All: We praise you Lord for ears

Leader: For the taste of fruit that we have grown

All: We praise you Lord for senses

*Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" #433(NCH)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own devices rather than trust in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to

see us through. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us put trust in you, that faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's memory of our misdeeds and misdirection is short. But God's loving grace stretches over our whole lives. In Christ Jesus, God has let loose a stream of love that perpetually flows as a patient, persistent, power. By this, God has forgiven us and invites you and me to join in the journey of justice, peace, and joy.

All: May this blessed forgiveness multiply itself in our life with others. Thanks be to God! 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 1) #292(NCH)

The Scripture Reading

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 9:7-14

Psalter Reading Psalm 119:105-112

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:18-23

Sermon "Thankful For What I Have Been Given" Pastor Jan

Hymn of Thanksgiving "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" #459(NCH)

Responding to the Word

9/11 Remembrance

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

