



Emmanuel
United Church of Christ
A Congregation of the United Church of Christ
We Welcome You on this
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word – September 18, 2022
9:30 AM
Dr. James Cope, Pastor
Jan Garinger, Pastor in Care

The Gathering

Ringling of the Bell
Our Life Together
Prelude
The Solemn Declaration

Choral Introit **“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 Worship**

Leader: My friends, we are called to lives of prayerful awareness of ourselves, of our community, and of the world.

All: We gather to praise the living God, who hears and answers the outpouring of our prayers.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the joy in our lives.

All: God’s love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

Leader: We gather, in God’s presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

All: God’s grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

Leader: We gather together, in God’s presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

***Hymn** **“Praise with Joy the World’s Creator”** **#273 (NCH)**

The Refreshment of Forgiveness

The Unison Prayer of Confession

First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters – work, wealth, power, addictions – yet find

no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us. Forgive us, Compassion’s Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tenderhearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

All: We are God’s beloved children and will model God’s grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! 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.

The Gift of the Word

A Time with the Children
Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Readings
Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1
New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Sermon **“Grieving with God”** Pastor Jim
Hymn of Faith **“There Is a Balm in Gilead”** **#553 (NCH)**

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

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**
O God, through the offering of these gifts, we become a more open people – open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call to charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.

The Ministry of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn** **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”** **#506 (NCH)**

***Benediction**

Leader: God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we leave this place. Open our eyes to truly see one another,
All: that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor.
Leader: Open our ears to the needs of the world,
All: that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us.
Leader: Open our hearts to your grace and love,
All: that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves, and for one another.

***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.*