



# Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United  
Church of Christ  
We Welcome You on this  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Service of the Word  
September 25, 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

Prelude

The Solemn Declaration

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We live in a world that says we must look out for ourselves.

**All: We live for you and you alone.**

Leader: The values of our culture tell us that we should seek glory and fame.

**All: We live for you and you alone.**

Leader: The demands of our time, attention and money are many.

**All: We live for you and you alone.**

Leader: We want to live Kingdom lives that show you to the world.

**All: We live for you and you alone.**

Leader: Take our lives, may they be fully yours.

**All: We live for you and you alone.**

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Hymn**

**“O How I Love Jesus”**

**#52(NCH)**

Call to Confession

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Triune God, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future. When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget your love. Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives. Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from you, falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation.

**(Time for silent reflection)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: God’s loving presence never abandons us, not even when we abandon God. God delivers those who seek and love the Lord. All we have to do is call, and God answers us.

**All: God answers us with rescue and honor, forgiveness and mercy, life and salvation. 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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Scripture Reading**

*New Testament Reading*      1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Psalter Reading*                  Psalm 146

*Gospel Reading*                  Luke 16:19-31

**Sermon**

**“Live a Life Without Regrets”**

**Pastor Jan**

**Hymn of Thanksgiving**

**“Blessed Assurance”**

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## Responding to the Word

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**Prayers of the People**

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

