



Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United
Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word
October 16, 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: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things....

All: So, God pours love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

Leader: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

All: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, hope, and peace.

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

All: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

Insert

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or

destructive behavior. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **(Time for silent reflection)**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God hears the cries of our hearts, see our actions, and knows our attitudes. In the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us.

All: We will go knowing that God’s blessings have been poured on us.

*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.**

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Listening for the Word

A Time for the Children of all ages

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading

First Reading Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel Reading Luke 9:51-62

Sermon

“What Can I Do?”

Pastor Jan

Hymn of Thanksgiving

“I Would Be True”

492(NCH)

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Choral Response “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 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 and loving God, help us to be giving people. Help us to be ready
 to share our time, our energy, and our spirit with others. Please accept
 these gifts as an act of love to all those in need. Amen.

***Hymn “God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak” #531(NCH)**

***Benediction**
 Leader: We have been called to serve the Lord with gladness.
 All: We will go knowing that God’s blessings have been poured on us.
 Leader: Let us go from this place and be a blessing to all that we meet.
 All: We will be at peace and bring the good news of God’s love and
 peace to all whom we meet. 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.