

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

Welcomes YOU on this
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday NIN Offering

We are warmed by your presence among us this day
Service Liturgy – October 2, 2022 9:30 AM

Dr. James Cope, Pastor Jan Garinger, Pastor in Care

Gathering around the Word



Ringling of the Church Tower Bell

Our Life Together

Prelude

The Solemn Declaration

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

Leader: On this day, we are not a single congregation,

All: but part of all believers everywhere, every place.

Leader: On this day, we share not just a sacrament,

All: but a feast from every time, every place of faith.

Leader: On this day, God's people gather on sandy beaches, under towering trees, in houses, churches, and cathedrals

All: where we bring our hunger, and find food; where we bring our brokenness, and find healing; where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance...and community...and God's love.

***Hymn "As We Gather at Your Table" #332 (TNCH)**

Call to Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

We confess, God of every person, how easy it is to think that our way of being your church is the one, true way. And so, we believe we have no reason to hear your name spoken in another language. We are sure we don't need to learn songs that have tunes which sound dissonant to us. We believe that our baptism, our communion, our beliefs are the ones closest to your heart, and so we close our hearts, our eyes, and our hands to those around us.

Forgive us, Gracious God, and have mercy. Remind us that while there may be many types of bread, there is that one Love which has been broken for us. Remind us that while there might be wine or juice offered, there is one Life which has been poured out for us. Remind us that while some remain seated, some come forward, and others dance, there is one Table, offered to us by your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In little churches with wide open windows, in ancient buildings echoing with the songs and prayers of generations, in buildings that do not look

like sanctuaries, the same good news is proclaimed: God is love. And that love forgives us, redeems us, and restores us.

All: In whatever language, in every tongue and dialect, we rejoice and give thanks. We are forgiven by our God of grace and wonder. 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 our Journey Together in Faith

Leader: We are people of all ages who enter this space bringing our joys and our concerns.

All: We come together in hope.

Leader: We greet each other warmly with our voices and our smiles.

All: We come together in peace.

Leader: We share our growth and our aspirations.

All: We come together in wonder.

Leader: We share our losses and our disappointments.

All: We come together in sorrow.

Leader: We share our concern and our compassion.

All: We come together in love.

Leader: We sing and pray and listen. We speak and read and dream. We think and ponder and reflect. We cry and laugh. We mourn and celebrate and meditate. We strive for justice and mercy.

All: We come together to worship God.

Leader: The peace of God is here...

All: to stay. Thanks be to God.

Listening for the Word

A Time with the Children and Dismissal to Sunday School

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 1: 1-6

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 5-10

Message

"Intense Love"

Pastor Cope

Hymn of Faith

"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

#336 (TNCH)

Responding to the Word

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**
As we offer our gifts here, a family is placing its tithe in another church. As we write our checks, a little child dumps coins from a piggy bank into the basket passing down the row. As we, and they, and our sisters and brothers everywhere respond to your blessings in our lives, may you gather them up and use them in acts of kindness, of goodness, of justice, and of grace. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the east and from the west, from every time and zone around the globe. As today’s sunlight inches across land and sea, Christians gather to celebrate their place in God’s family.
All are invited and all are welcome!
(The Order for Communion is found on the insert in your bulletin.)*

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn of Mission** **“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”** **#347 (TNCH)**

***Benediction**

Leader: Ever-loving and ever-present God, you have refreshed us at your table,

All: by granting us the presence of Jesus.

Leader: May the sharing of this sacred meal together remain always in our hearts,

All: and connect us together as one body, one people.

Leader: Strengthen our faith that we might accomplish great things

All: through our love for one another.

Leader: Send us forth into the world in courage and peace,

All: rejoicing in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

***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.*