



Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

October 23, 2022

9:30 AM

Pastor Jim Cope

Pastor Jan Garinger

Gathering around the Word

Ringing of the Church Bell

Our Life Together

Prelude

The Solemn Declaration

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Today is a day that we come together to remember.

All: We remember the past yet look toward the future.

Leader: A past that reminds us of the blessings and presence of God with us in joys as well as in sorrow.

All: And a future filled with promises.

Leader: A future when death and mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

All: And God proclaims, "See, I am making all things new."

Leader: Today we worship the one who was, is and is to come.

All: Let us worship in word, and song, and prayer.

Procession of Light "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" #485 (NCH)

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn "For All The Saints" #299(NCH)**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of mercy, forgive us when we make excuses for our lack of faith. We let our selfishness and apathy get in the way of illumination and peace. We find ways to duck out of our opportunities for service and witness, claiming that we are too

small or too ill-equipped to be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ. How foolish we can be! All of our lives God has been present to us, whether or not we knew it. God's love is always surrounding us. Yet we have not taken the time to recognize it. We whine and complain about the misfortunes that have befallen us and wonder where God is. We want immediate release from our struggles. And when release comes, we again move off in our own realms of self-centeredness. Help us, O Lord. Stop us from being so faithless. Open our hearts with your forgiving spirits that we, having been healed and forgiven, may actually be effective witnesses to your love and compassion. For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

(Time for silent reflection)

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: You have always been loved by God. Know that you are healed and forgiven, that God has placed a special blessing in your life.

All: We will rejoice! God is always with us. We will service God in in all that we say, think, and do. 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.

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

Psalter Reading *Psalms 34:1-10*
Old Testament Reading *Revelation 21:1-6*
Gospel Reading *John 14:1-7*

Sermon “Calling Mr. Morrow” **Pastor Jan**
Hymn of Thanksgiving **“Blessed Assurance”** **#473(NCH)**
Ritual of Remembering

Responding to the Word

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**

Thank you for choosing to receive these gifts that we now share with you, gracious God. Bless each offering – including our very selves – and let every single one be given in service to you. Amen.

***Hymn** **“Some Glad Morning”** **#595(NCH)**

***Benediction** **Pastor Jan**

***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.