

# Emmanuel United Church of Christ

Welcomes YOU on this  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**We are warmed by your presence among us this day**  
*Service Liturgy – October 9, 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

**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: A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

**All: Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--**

Leader: Pray for your communities.

**All: Keep God in the center of all that is.**

Leader: We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts.

**All: For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as  
God desires.**

Leader: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

**All: and we can trust the promise.**

**\*Hymn**

“Praise to the Living God”

#8 (TNCH)

Call to Confession

**Prayer for Forgiveness**

**We cannot sing our praise to you O God, when we dishonor your creation.  
We cannot sing our praise to you O God, when we use our voices to defame  
others. We cannot sing our praises to you O God, when we claim for  
ourselves the honor due to you. We cannot sing our praises to you O God,  
when we fail to recognize your healing work. In order that we might sing,  
we need you and nothing else at the center of our lives. Place new desires  
in our hearts so that we sing to you and to you alone. We make this prayer  
to you, O god from the places within our being where w reminder of your  
love is needed.**

*(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)*



Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even when we feel ourselves exiled and far from you, even when we  
forget to sing your praises,

**All: You assure us that you have not forgotten us! We are comforted by  
your promise of forgiveness and love.**

**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**

**God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things. This we  
believe.**

**Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God’s presence, a home for  
us to share with all creatures. This we believe.**

**God became incarnate, a part of Earth, like Adam, a human being called  
Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died  
on a cross for all human beings and for all creation. This we believe.**

**The risen Jesus is the Christ at the center of all, reconciling all things to  
God, renewing all of creation. This we believe.**

**The Spirit renews life, groans in empathy with the suffering and waits with  
us for the rebirth of creation. This we believe.**

**We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a  
new creation.**

## Listening for the Word

A Time with the Children and Dismissal to Sunday School

Prayer for Illumination

**The Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7**

**New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 11-19**

Message

“Rich with Mercies”

Pastor Cope

**Hymn of Faith**

“My Tribute”

#14 (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**

**In a world of goodness and struggle, we are grateful for your blessings, O God.**

**As we seek to endure life's struggles, as we seek to claim your life in those hard parts of our lives—the very places you teach us to look for your freeing presence—teach us to trust that you are always there. May these gifts be sent into our community and into the world around us, that others may claim the hope of your presence. Amen.**

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**The Ministry of Prayer**

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Pastoral Prayer

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

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**Bearing the Word into the World**

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**\*Hymn of Mission**                      **"Let Us with a Joyful Mind"**                      **#16 (TNCH)**

**\*Benediction**

Leader: As you go from here, may God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

**All: Do not let our faith or our witness grow cold.**

Leader: Remember: God's gift of faith is like a flame; when the embers of that flame have cooled, you must fan them again to keep them ablaze.

**All: So let us remember what we have been taught and what we have experienced...to live in such a way that all who know us may see the light of God reflected in us.**

Leader: And may the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you and among you in the days ahead.

**All: 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.*