

Emmanuel United Church of Christ
A Congregation of the United
Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word
November 13, 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: Praise be to God who is unchanging!

All: Thanks be to God who is continually creating newness and hope.

Leader: Each day we are greeted by new opportunities and challenges.

All: Each day we are given courage and strength to accomplish God's tasks.

Leader: Let all of God's people shout praises to the heavens!

All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised. Amen.

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn**

"Abide with Me"

#51 (RED)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we come before you this day as those who are often afraid to confess all the many ways in which we have disappointed and betrayed you. You have given us continual opportunities to serve and love others, but we have withdrawn into lives of selfishness and greed. We have turned our backs on

others in need. We have denied the gifts you have given us. Where can we turn now that we have run from you? Your voice calls to us to come home, to come to you unafraid, to receive forgiveness and healing. Open our hearts this day to receive these magnificent blessings. Help us understand the many ways in which you love us, and help us share that love with all those whom we meet. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even though we have turned away from God, yet God is faithful to us. We are beloved of God and recipients of God's love and blessings.

All: We will rejoice for God's mercies are ever before 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

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Listening for the Word

A Time for the Children of all ages

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

New Testament Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel Reading

Luke 21-5-19

Sermon

"Let There Be Peace On Earth?"

Pastor Jan

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Choral Response "Breathe On Me Breath of God" #191(RED)

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.**

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**

Use these gifts, O God, to affirm your great love for the world revealed in Jesus Christ. May they serve as signs of hope to those who are suffering, fearful or discouraged. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" #205 (RED)**

***Benediction**

Leader: We go from this place rejoicing in God's love.

All: We commit our lives to serving God by serving others.

Leader: God's love has made us new.

All: God's peace goes with us in all that we say and do. 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.