

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

We Welcome you on this 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023 - 9:30 AM

Pastor Jim Cope and Pastor Jan Garinger



The Gathering

Ringing 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.

Prayer of Invocation

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In this world of struggle and conflict we turn to God.

All: God of love, we need You.

Leader: Friends, not a sparrow suffers without God knowing, and you, beloved, are worth more than many sparrows.

All: God of love, we trust You.

Leader: Those who cling to their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Christ’s sake will find it.

All: God of love, we give ourselves to You. Receive us, transform us, and fit us for Your service, in the name of the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn “Come, O Fount of Every Blessings” #459 (NCH)**

The Refreshment of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Our Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, lead us in ways that lead to life. Free us to love as completely as You love. Help us find our worth, not by lifting ourselves above others, but by accepting that we belong to You. May our fulfillment be found, not in what we hold onto, but in what we freely give in Your name. Free us, dear God, to live without fear, following wherever Your Spirit leads. In the spirit of Christ’s compassion, we pray.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God has opened our ears and our hearts to know God’s love and forgiveness. There is nothing we need to do other than love one another and love God, for all things come from God’s love.

All: We will go forth knowing we have been forgiven and that we are restored to God. Amen.

***Choral Response “Gloria Patri” #759 (NCH)**

Glory be to the Savior our mighty God and Holy Comforter; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Gift of the Word

A Time with the Children of all ages

Choral Preparation “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.**

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson *Psalm 86:1-10*

New Testament Lesson *Romans 6:1-11*

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 10:24-39*

Sermon “I See You. Do You See Me?” Pastor Jan

Hymn “God’s Eye Is On The Sparrow” #475 (NCH)

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

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**
Ever-watching God, we offer our gratitude for Your gifts, the daily gifts of life and breath and loving relationships. All we have comes from You. With these offerings, we say "yes" to Your never-ending compassion and care, dedicating them to Your service in feeding the hungry, comforting the sick and welcoming the stranger. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Ministry of Remembrance and Prayer

Prayers of the People - The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn** **“Great Is Your Faithfulness”** **#423 (NCH)**
***Words of Benediction** **Pastor Jan**
***Closing Response** **“On Eagles Wings”** **#775 (NCH)**

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

***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.*