

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

We Welcome you on this 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

June 4, 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: Eternal God, we praise you!

**All: Risen Christ, we greet you!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, we are one body by Your grace.

**All: You are present, You are holy, and we worship You.**

Leader: Glory be to You, O God of all Creation

**All: Thanks be to You, O Christ, for our salvation.**

Leader: Eternal God, Holy Trinity, bless us as we worship.

**All: Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by Your grace.**  
**Alleluia!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**“Come Now, Almighty God”**

**#275 (NCH)**

*The Refreshment of Forgiveness*

**Call to Confession**

**Our Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we confess our sins, which separates us from You. We know how people who belong to You should live, but we fail to live that way. At times we have forgotten that we bear Your image and have done evil. At times we have forgotten to live in response to Your sacrifice for us and have acted selfishly. At times we have ignored the voice of Your spirit speaking to our conscience, and we have followed the desires of our own heart. As a result, we have lived for self rather than for You or our neighbor, our lives have been diminished, our witness has been stifled, and Your image within us has been tarnished. Forgive us, good Lord, through Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, guide us to live as people who know and love You. *(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The Lord, who saves you, says: I am the God who forgives your sins; I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you. Let us praise the triune God!

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, 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 8*

New Testament Lesson *2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 28:16-20*

**Sermon**

*“The Trinity?”*

Pastor Jan

**Hymn**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

**#277 (NCH)**

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*Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts*

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**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**

All good gifts around us come from You, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As You have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen

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*The Ministry of Remembrance and Prayer*

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

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*The Gathered Go Forth to Serve*

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**\*Hymn                                   “Creator God, Creating Still”                   #278 (NCH)**

**\*Words of Benediction**

Leader: God who created you in the divine image, send you forth:

**All: we go, to reflect the presence of our Creator to everyone we meet.**

Leader: Jesus, who has redeemed you, has established the reign of God in our midst:

**All: we go to bring healing to the broken of the world.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God’s people, goes with you to many places:

**All: we go, to tear down the walls that divide us, and to build lives of hope for all of God’s children.**

**\*Closing Response                   “Lift High the Cross v.1”                   #198 (NCH)**

**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.*