

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

We Welcome you on this 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023 - 9:30 AM

Pastor Jim Cope and Pastor Jan Garinger



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*The Gathering*

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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: Christ calls those who are weary and heavy laden.

**All: In Christ, we find rest.**

Leader: Christ calls us to bear His yoke and learn from Him.

**All: In Christ, we see God’s ways.**

Leader: Christ is gentle and humble in heart.

**All: In Christ, we know God’s love.**

Leader: Come, for Christ calls us here.

**\*Opening Hymn**

**“I Danced in the Morning”**

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*The Refreshment of Forgiveness*

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**Call to Confession**

**Our Prayer of Confession**

**Spirit of God, you are always among us, and yet at times we don’t notice or get caught up in our own judgments. Not recognizing You in the stranger on the street or the stranger in me—who does not do the things I want, but rather the things I hate. Perhaps we thought our certainty would keep us safe or that wearing our blinders would keep us pain-free, but You show us the way of trust and awareness is what paves the path of peace. Forgive and help us, O God, by Your power, grace and connection to us.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: No matter the weight of our burdens or the age of our weariness God will always walk with us. Let us rest in God’s grace. Let us rest in God’s love.

**All: We feel so much better since we have laid our burdens down before God and one another. We are forgiven and will rest in the peace and love of 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.**

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*The Gift of the Word*

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**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 145:8-14*  
New Testament Lesson *Romans 7:15-25*  
Gospel Lesson *Matthew 11:1-9*

**Sermon**

*“Mirror Mirror on The Wall”*

Pastor Jan

**Hymn**

**“Be Now My Vision”**

**#451 (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**

**Generous God, may these gifts celebrate Your name among the nations.  
May the lives we live celebrate Your name for all time and all generations.  
Receive these offering as signs of our praise, both now and forevermore.  
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**                                       **“Blessed Assurance”**   **#473 (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.*