

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

We Welcome you on this 10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 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: Just when we are feeling most discouraged, God bursts into our lives with healing mercy.

All: Lord, listen to our hearts, our cries, and our prayers.

Leader: Give us peace and hope in our spirits.

All: Direct us in ways of service in your name!

Leader: Praise be to God!

All: Amen!

***Opening Hymn**

“Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

#347 (NCH)

The Refreshment of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Our Prayer of Confession

Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you with fear. We know that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. And so, we hesitate to come before you because we believe that you are disappointed in us. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us, you “pick us up and dust us off” and put us again on the trail, confident of your faithful presence with us. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. We pray this in Christ’s name.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Feel God’s healing love pouring over you and into your lives.

All: We know that God delights in each one of us and will always be present to us. 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 145:8-9 and 14-21*

New Testament Lesson *Romans 9:1-5*

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 14:13-21*

Sermon

“What’s for Supper”

Pastor Jan

Hymn **“Break Now the Bread of Life”** **#321 (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**

With great joy, we present our gifts of our time, talent, and treasures for the ministry of this church. Be with each of us as we, too, commit ourselves to lives of joyful, thankful service. In Jesus’ name, 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 **“Now Thank We All Our God”** **#419 (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.*