

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

We Welcome you on this Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024 - 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: In the silence of a lonely night, in the songs children sing in the morning, God calls to us.  
**All: We are here, God who is always with us, listening for your words of life and love.**  
Leader: When we would decide to go it alone, when we think no good can be found anywhere, Jesus calls to us.  
**All: We are here, Friend who knows our longings, ready to come and see where you would lead us.**

Leader: When we think we have license to do whatever we want, when we are convinced we need no map, the Spirit calls to us.

**All: We are here, Peace we are longing for, so that we might help others find the way to life.**

**\*Opening Hymn**                    **"When Morning Gilds the Skies"**                    **#86 (NCH)**

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*The Refreshment of Forgiveness*

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**Call to Confession**

**Our Prayer of Confession**

Because we are so focused on ourselves, God of every life, it is hard to see the lives which others endure. When we are so worried about how the economy will affect us, we do not notice those in need around us. As we grumble about our aches and pains, and about how difficult it is to get out of the bed each day, we easily ignore the broken. Forgive us, God of goodness and grace. Speak to us of healing, so we might bring help to others. Speak to us of grace, so hearing, we may share it with everyone we meet. Speak to us of love and life, so we may offer it as freely as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought it to us.

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Come and see! God's grace is poured out on everyone, God's hope is freely shared in every moment, forgiveness is the gift which mends our foolish lives.

**All: Thanks be to God. We are surrounded by God's love and mercy, now and to the very 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.**

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*The Gift of the Word*

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**A Time with the Children of all ages**

**Installation of Consistory Members for 2024-2027 term**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Scripture Readings**

Old Testament Lesson    1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)  
Psalter Reading        Psalm 139:1-6  
Gospel Lesson         John 1:43-51

**Sermon** "It Won't Hurt to Just Look" 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**

God of vision and courage, you call us to be your hands and feet in the world. In a world full of need, use our gifts and our offerings, our time and our talents, to bless those in need of your blessings. Through these gifts, may other come to see your grace and hear your call in their lives.  
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** "Now Thank We All Our God" #419 (NCH)

**\*Words of Benediction** Pastor Jan

**\*Closing Response** "God Be with You" Verse #1 #81 (NCH)  
God be with you till we meet again;  
By good counsel guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

**\*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.