

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

We Welcome you on this Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024 - 9:30 AM

Pastor Jim Cope and Pastor in Care Jan Garinger



The Gathering

Ringing of the Church Tower Bell

Our Life Together

Prelude

The Solemn Declaration

Choral Introit “How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place”
(Solo then Congregation)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, my God!
How lovely is your dwelling place, is your dwelling place, O God!

*Call to Worship

Leader: God of wind and fire,

All: When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

Leader: God of mighty oceans and still waters,

All: When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

Leader: God of bread and wine,

All: When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

Leader: So, pour out your Spirit.

All: Let sacred waters flow.

Leader: Fill us with holy food.

All: May our hearts and our hands be open wide to receive your gifts of life. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

#293 (NCH)

The Refreshment of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Our Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Jesus prayed that his disciples would be protected from deceit. Sometimes, it’s not easy to be bold in sharing how God’s love has impacted our lives. We ask forgiveness for the times we have not been strong enough in sharing our truth, for fear of how others would respond. Help us find strength in Your promises to us. Help us share our joy with abundance.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, take comfort. None of Jesus’ disciples found this work to be easy, and sometimes they faltered. We aren’t expected to be perfect either. We are sanctified in God’s truth. Christ prays for us and guides our words and actions. We always have opportunities to grow in our discipleship, as long as we trust in Christ to lead us.

All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Choral Response

“From All that Dwell below the Skies”

#27 (NCH)

Verse one

The Gift of the Word

A Time with the Children of all ages

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 104:24-35

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Gospel Lesson

John 15:26-27 and 16:4-15

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Do You Know A Good Tour Guide?”

Pastor Jan

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**
Loving God, we remember that one of Christ’s most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (Insert)

The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn** **“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”** **#63 (NCH)**

***Words of Benediction** **Pastor Jan**

***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.