



Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

We Welcome You on this
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word – June 23, 2018
9:30 AM
Janice Garinger, Pastor in Care
James Cope, Pastor

The Gathering

Ringing of the Bell
Our Life Together
Prelude
The Solemn Declaration
Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in this place to worship our God:

All: calm Presence in our times of confusion, Comforter in our nights of struggle.

Leader: We gather with fellow pilgrims, as we seek to follow Jesus:

All: Brother to those swamped by fears, Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.

Leader: We are brought together by the Spirit who lives in the depths of our souls:

All: the Serenity who travels with us on this up-and-down journey we call life.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: When the storms of life come up unexpectedly, Lord, we are afraid they will be our undoing. The winds are too strong, the waves too high, we are sure that we will perish and we are afraid. We cry out to you, O God, and we hear you say: "Be quiet, be still, peace!" Grant us that peace in all our days; strengthen our faith and our courage; and send us out as courageous messengers of that peace. Amen.

***Hymn "Joys Are Flowing like a River" #284 (NCH)**

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Choral Response "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" #546 (NCH)**
Verse One

Call to Confession

The Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.

Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Choral Response (please remain seated)
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" #546 (NCH)
Verse Two

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us with faith.

All: Our God affirms us for who we are – those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Choral Response "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" #546 (NCH)**
Verse Three

The Gift of the Word

A Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 17: 1, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

The Gospel Reading Mark 4: 35-41

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Don't You Care?"

James Cope

Special Music

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

Kathryn Virgilio

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**

Now is the acceptable time to offer our gifts to you, Holy God. Now is the time to pray that they may be used to remove any obstacles which keep others from knowing your grace, experiencing your healing, or being filled with your hope. Now is the time to give thanks for your blessings, praying they will be used to bless others. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

The Ministry of Prayer

Prayer of the Day

The Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn** **“God, Who Made Each Great Wide Ocean”** **#Insert**

***Benediction**

***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.