

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

We Welcome you on this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come gather together here in the presence of Christ, who is our friend and healer.

All: We have entered here, and in our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.

Leader: Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.

All: We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.

Leader: Here we are welcome and loved and cherished just as we are.

All: Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and give God praise.

***Opening Hymn** "God is Truly with Us" #68 (NCH)

The Refreshment of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Our Prayer of Confession

Leader: We fill our lives with the fear of scarcity, assuming there is not enough money, time, patience or love. We turn away when a stranger asks for nourishment, claiming there isn't enough even for ourselves.

All: Forgive us when we doubt your abundance and ignore the possibilities in what we have been given.

Leader: We often sit with arms crossed and fists clenched, crying out that you have turned away and left us empty handed.

All: Forgive us when we reject your abundance and neglect the possibilities in what we have been given.

Leader: We easily give thanks for the good things in life, turning away from those which lead us to deeper community or second-guessing blessings as too good to be true.

All: Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us. Help us surrender to the loving embrace that enfolds us.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection and prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Take comfort: we, and the whole world with us, are always embraced in Christ's love.

All: In Christ, there is always enough. 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

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 130

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel Lesson

Mark 5:21-43

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "He Touched Me" **Pastor Jan**

Hymn "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come" #175 (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**

Merciful God, misery and despair touch our world each day. Multiply the gifts we bring before you, that no one may suffer want. And if our fortunes are one day reversed, may we receive with the same grace and gratitude we have offered this day. Amen

The Ministry of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Choral Response **“Hear Our Prayer”** **#769 (NCH)**

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

The Gathered Go Forth to Serve

Honoring the 4th of July

***Hymn** **“How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies”** **#594 (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.