

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

June 25, 2017 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**
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** Those who are able are invited to stand.
 Hymns are from the Chalice Hymnal (red)*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life of the Church

Passing of the Peace (10:00 a.m.)

Prelude *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

*Bells and Chimes *(You are invited to stand)*

*Call to Worship

One: The sun shines more brightly. Its warmth stays with us for so many more hours.

All: So we shake free of our routines.

One: We wander about the wilderness: Hoping God will open our eyes,
 Praying God will make us worthy, wanting to grow with God.

All: Let us grow together in the ways of our God.

*Hymn of Praise *"Nearer, My God, to Thee"* #577

*Invocation

**Worthy God, you do great and wonderful things. It's what makes you our God.
 There is nothing else in this world like you. There's nothing else like your love.
 So come and abide with us. Help us to grow in your love.**

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Children's Moment (10:00 a.m.) Dr. Jimmy Watson
(The children are invited to now go to Sunday School as we sing, "Jesus Loves Me")

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Carol Aszman

10:00 a.m.
 Karl Klasing

Ushers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Leah Richmond
 Teddy Branom
 Carlos Trejo

10:00 a.m.
 Don Morice
 Kristin & Kim Haynes
 Carrie & Jeff Seeley
 Cindy Thies

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Judy Thompson

10:00 a.m.
 Rose and Dwain Bollinger

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Chris Struble

10:00 a.m.
 Laura Payer

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 4,731.00
Loose Offerings	37.00
Sub Total	\$ 4,768.00

Other Receipts

Discretionary Assistance Fund	375.00
Camping Fund	10.00
Strengthen the Church	17.23
Music Enhancement Fund	20.00
Coffee Hour	18.00
Sub Total	\$ 440.23
TOTAL	\$ 5,208.23

~ *Announcements* ~

OUR THANKS to Joyce Holland for providing the special music this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY - ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY AT 9:30 A.M.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE AT CAMP MOVAL THIS WEEK: Peyton Carroll, Angel Henson and Charleigh Hurd. Have fun!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available in the church office. Please stop by and pick one up or call the office and we will send one to you. Deadline for applying is **next Sunday, July 2.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL starts tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. You can register at the door so please have your children come join us.

ROOM AT THE INN PIZZA PARTY - We're going to have a pizza party when we host Room at the Inn on Thursday, June 29. We'll need salads, fruit, desserts and drinks to go with the pizza. We'll also need breakfast items for Friday morning. If you can help, please call Melinda Schuster at 314/838-7236. Thanks to everyone who supports this important ministry.

PRAYER AND SHARE is seeking new participants. They meet from 10 - 12 every Wednesday morning for study and prayer. They have great discussion and fellowship. If you are interested in this great ministry, please come and try it out!

ADULT CONFIRMATION is an idea the Board of Christian Education is kicking around. If this interests you, please email Pastor Jimmy at revjwatson@immanuelucc.org. Let him know convenient days of the week and times that you would be available.

JULY 11 - THE ADVENTURE SEEKERS are going to the City Library downtown to tour the newly renovated space. We will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Edu. Bldg. parking lot and leave promptly at 10:00 a.m.. Our tour is at 11:00 a.m., then on to the Old Spaghetti Factory for lunch. Please make your reservations by **July 6** with Maryellen Dominic (314-521-3411). There will be walking involved with this tour.

AUG. 15 - ADVENTURE SEEKERS will return to the horse races at Fairmount Park. We will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Edu. Bldg. parking lot and leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served in the Stallion Room starting at 11:00 a.m.. Lunch will cost \$16.00. Please pre-pay for your lunch when you make your reservations. **Sign-up deadline is July 20.** Make your reservations with Linda Stoecklin (314-521-7324). Minimal walking unless you bet several times.

Reading of Genesis 21:8-21

Special Music

"Glorify Thy Name"

Joyce Holland, piano

Seal

Reading of Romans 6:1b-11

Litany for the 60th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ (*Dr. David Beebe, Missouri Mid-South*)

One: Sixty years! The United Church of Christ, both young and old, has been alive for sixty years!

All: **Living God, we praise you for the witness we have been granted to make in our nation and our world.**

One: Sixty years since that day, June 25, 1957, in Cleveland, Ohio when we said we would be one.

All: **Living Christ, we declared that you alone are the head of the Church. May we learn again and more fully what it means to be the United Church "of Christ."**

One: For sixty years we have been led, sometimes surprisingly, always as a "heady mix," to stand courageously, to live generously, to resist evil, and to listen for the still speaking voice of your Spirit.

All: **Holy Spirit, Spirit of Christ in our midst, teach us to listen to you and to frame our actions according to your voice.**

One: Living, triune God, we live in a changing time, a startling time when our hearts often seem to fail us. Too easily do we forget that you have been with us in ways we did not guess, led us along paths we had not marked, and met us around turns that we had not foreseen.

All: **Living god, living Christ, living Spirit, be with us still as we live into a tomorrow we cannot predict, and become the Church that you would shape and use.**

As you used us yesterday and are using us today—empower us and use us tomorrow. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation** *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”* #344
Reading of Matthew 10:24-39
Sermon *“Thawing Out the Frozen Chosen”* Dr. Jimmy Watson
Prayer Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”)
Prayer Response *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

Call to Offering
Offertory

***Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication**

Grow these gifts in your love, Worthy God. Bless our offerings, our hearts and our hopes in your love to make us worthy of your work in this world. Fill these gifts and each of us with your goodness. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace (8:30 a.m.)**

***Hymn of Parting** *“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”* #530

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

MINISTERS

The People of Immanuel Church
MINISTERS TO THE MINISTERS

Dr. Jimmy Watson
Senior Pastor

Paul Westcott
Minister of Music

God is Still Speaking

Rev. Courtney Chandler
Minister of Christian Education

Linda Stoecklin, R.N.
Faith Community Nurse

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

In loving memory of
Paul Holland
Given by
His Family

FLOWERS ON THE FLOWER STAND

In loving memory of
Gloria Cate
Given by
Her Family

**** CALENDAR ****

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Worship
Monday: 9:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School starts for the week
Tuesday: VBS
Wednesday: VBS
Thursday: VBS
 9:00 a.m. Newsletter assembly - Library
Friday: VBS
Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

*** LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE ***

	<u>Worship</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>
	8:30 a.m.	42	Family Service
	10:00 a.m.	<u>86</u>	
	Total	128	