

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

July 9, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.
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** Those who are able are invited to stand.
 Hymns are from the Family of God Hymnal (blue)*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude *"My Tribute"*

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

*Call to Worship

One: If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens,

All: Come to me and I will give you rest.

One: Take the yoke I give you.

All: Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.

One: I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest.

All: This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

One: Christ calls us to come to worship

All: To rest from the things that are troubling us

One: To learn what Christ can teach of life

All: To realize what we can offer to others

One: And so to return into the world to serve

All: Let us worship God

*Hymn of Praise *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* #318

*Invocation

Eternal God: you sing a song of silence to our noisy hearts, inviting us to still our fidgeting souls, and find our peace in your cupped hands which cradle us. Jesus Christ, Wanderer of the kingdom: you are called to reveal God to us and do so in the tenderness of your touch, the gentleness of your words, the goodness of your heart, the peace of your shared yoke. Spirit of Rest: your childlike presence opens our eyes to the

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Krescene Schneider-Beck

10:00 a.m.
 Glenn Cordes

Ushers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 George Hildebrand
 Barb Johnson
 Marian Pohlmann

10:00 a.m.
 Tim & Julie Guethler
 Greg Conrad
 Joe Henke
 Rose Lockner

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Krescene Schneider-Beck

10:00 a.m.
 Larry & Sandy Priem

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Merry Geisler

10:00 a.m.
 Barb Thompson & Nick Thompson

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 10,288.00
Loose Offerings	22.00
Special Donations - Memorials, etc.	260.00
Sub Total	\$ 10,570.00

Other Receipts

Every Child's Hope (ECH)	25.00
Bldg & Capital Improvement Fund	123.00
Coffee Hour	5.00
Sub Total	\$ 153.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 10,723.00

~ *Announcements* ~

OUR CAMPERS AT MOVAL THIS WEEK ARE: Sydney Winterberg, Madison Carroll, Taylor Carroll, Kayla Jansen, Julia Winkeler, Sarah Henson, Olivia Picaud and Nicolas Picaud. HAVE FUN!

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. There will be walking involved with this tour.

ON SUNDAY, JULY 30 we will participate in a covenant signing during worship with the North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice.

ALL FAMILIES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH: You are invited to a Splish Splash Fun Bash! July 30, following the 10:30 worship service. Grab some lunch and either eat on your own or bring it with you to the North Country Recreation Complex Aquatic Center located at 2577 Redman Road St. Louis. We will gather at noon to play at the water park. Price of admission is \$4 for ages 4-12, \$5 ages 13-64, and \$4 for 65+. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Courtney.

AUGUST 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.

wonders of the world. As we hand you our anger, our hurt, our sin, may our burdens become our songs of joy. May we find our rest, our hope, in you, God in community, Holy in One even as we pray as Jesus taught us, saying,

***Lord's Prayer** (using "debts" and "debtors")

***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.*

Reading of Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Special Music

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Paul Westcott

Children's Moment

Rev. Courtney Chandler

(The children are invited to go to Sunday School while we sing "Jesus Loves Me")

Reading of Romans 7:15-25a (sermon text)

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

We are so skilled at being in control, at taking charge, Sabbath-Taking God, that we are not very good at resting. We think we have to be constantly busy, so we have no time for you. We are trained to be extremely productive, and so create our harried, stress-filled lives. Forgive us, Shalom Giving God. Help us to let go of our distractions so you can act in us; calm our creaturely activity, so you can re-create us; help us to follow Jesus, not only into discipleship, but into our rest with you.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Preparation

"Softly and Tenderly"

#432

Reading of Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon

"Why Do We Do What We Don't Want To Do?"

Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

*“Thank You, Lord”
Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
Thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.*

Call to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

You invite us to offer our pain, our burdens, our troubles to you, and we do so easily. Yet when you challenge us to offer our abundance for others, we resist and grumble. Help us to be as welcoming, as caring, as generous as you, Loving God, as we share our gifts with you and the world. Amen.

***Hymn of Parting**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #466

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*In loving memory of
Art & Bernice Rinderknecht
Given by
Art Rinderknecht, Jr.*

**** CALENDAR ****

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

- Today:** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening - Archive Room
- Monday:**
- Tuesday:** NO PACE
9:45 a.m. Adv. Seekers to City Library
7:00 p.m. Church Council - Room 202
- Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Room 100
10:00 a.m. Prayer & Share - Library
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Bon Appetite - GC Grill
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100
- Next Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Interfaith Dialogue - Room 202

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

*** LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE ***

<u>Worship</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>	
9:30 a.m.	95	Students	11
		Teachers	<u>8</u>
Total			19