

# IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

July 16, 2017      **SIXTH 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 Chalice Hymnal (red)*

## Gathering Music

### Welcome & Life of the Church - Celebration of July Birthdays

**Prelude**      *“Marching to Zion”*

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

**\*Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 65:9-13)*

One: God visits the earth and waters it

**All: Greatly enriching the earth.**

One: God waters the earth, softening it with showers,

**All: And blessing the earth.**

One: Along with the hills, the meadows, and the valleys,

**All: Let us shout and sing together for joy!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**      *“Be Thou My Vision”*      #595

**\*Invocation**

**Loving God, you created life in us and all around us. Open us to receive your gifts of your world and your word that we may be not just hearers of the word, but doers also. Amen.**

## THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

### Lay Readers this morning:

**8:30 a.m.**  
Melinda Schuster

**10:00 a.m.**  
Joyce Holland

### Ushers this morning:

**8:30 a.m.**  
Chris Struble  
Krescene Schneider-Beck  
Shirley Joellenbeck

**10:00 a.m.**  
Glenn Cordes  
John Viehmann  
Keith Wogtech  
Art Rinderknecht

### Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

**8:30 a.m.**  
Marty Schuster

**10:00 a.m.**  
Darrell & Cindy Thies

### Outside Welcomers this morning:

**8:30 a.m.**  
Teddy Branom

**10:00 a.m.**  
Carolyn Rock

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

#### Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 4,926.50
Loose Offerings	11.00
Use of Property Receipts	100.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,037.50</b>

#### Other Receipts

Miscellaneous	232.91
Bldg & Capital Improvement Fund	146.00
Youth Six Flags payment	50.00
Strengthen the Church	5.00
Coffee Hour	29.83
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 463.74</b>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$ 5,501.24</b>

~ *Announcements* ~

**OUR CAMPER AT MOVAL THIS WEEK IS** Ryan Lipski. HAVE FUN!

**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 10:00 worship service. Grab some lunch and either eat on your own or bring it with you to the North County 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.

**QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS** have been sent out this week. If you do not receive yours or if you have any questions, please call Jennifer Jansen at the church office, 314/521-7324.

**\*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 25:19-34**

**Special Music** *“More About Jesus”* Smith  
Joyce Holland, piano

**Reading of Romans 8:1-11**

**Children’s Moment** Rev. Courtney Chandler  
*(The children are invited to go to Sunday School while we sing “Jesus Loves Me”)*

**Reading of Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** (sermon text)

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, we acknowledge that we too often take for granted your gifts to us: our lives, this world, and your word to us. When we receive your word, may we nurture it so that it grows roots within us. May we not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the cares of the world. Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, and acting upon it. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Hymn of Preparation** *“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”* #241

**Sermon** *“For Those with Ears”* Dr. Jimmy Watson

**Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer Lord’s Prayer** (using “debts” and “debtors”)

**Prayer Response** *“Lead Me, Guide Me”*  
*Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.*

