

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

July 23, 2017 SEVENTH 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

Prelude *"It Is Well With My Soul"* Spafford/Ash

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

*Call to Worship

One: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.
All: Surely God is in this place!
 One: We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.
All: Surely God is in this place!
 One: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.
All: Surely God is in this place!
 One: We come to see God in this community of seekers.
All: Surely God is in this place!
 One: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.
All: Surely God is in this place! Let us worship!

*Hymn of Praise *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* #25, vs. 1,3 & 5

*Invocation

Holy One, you know us already. Help us to know you better. Let us see you all around us. Fill our worship with your Spirit so that we may learn to recognize your presence in all places. Amen.

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Bev Griffin

10:00 a.m.
 Carolyn Rock

Ushers this morning:

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

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

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Sue Schuster

10:00 a.m.
 Alex, Donna & Carlee Priem

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Phil Frohne

10:00 a.m.
 Phyllis & Walter Martinez

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 4,167.50
Loose Offerings	2.00
Special Donations	25.00
Sub Total	\$ 4,194.50

Other Receipts

Bldg & Capital Improvement Fund	70.00
Devotional Donation	2.00
Coffee Hour	24.00
Sub Total	\$ 96.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 4,290.50

~ *Announcements* ~

THANK YOU TO THE DIXIE RHYTHM KINGS for providing all our special music this morning! They were formed in 2001 to play and perpetuate traditional New Orleans Jazz. The band, a not-for-profit community service organization, plays regularly throughout the St. Louis area at local nursing home and retirement centers, civic events, OASIS classes and private events. The members are: Bob Lord, drums; Benjamin Ash, banjo; Mark Pedigo, piano; Chaz Wilkes, tuba; Jim Shifflett, trombone; Dan Stoeckel, tenor saxophone; Bernadette Widdis, clarinet; Jack Commerford, trumpet; Bret Ransom, trumpet; Carol Aszman, vocal.

FREE BABYSITTING! PARENTS' NIGHT OUT! Bring your young ones to the Youth Room in the Educational Building on Friday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. We will have movies and refreshments. Pastor Jimmy and Annie Watson will host this event.

MEET GEORGIA OUR RESIDENT GIRAFFE! She holds the activity bags for our little visitors! Please share the bags during worship and return them to Georgia after church!

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.

IT'S A MEXICAN FIESTA FOR LYDIA'S HOUSE! Our fiesta on Wednesday, August 16 will feature a taco bar with all the fixings, drinks and desserts. To honor budgets, donations of food or money are kept to \$10. Want to help out? See Krescene Beck or contact her at 618/806-9431 or krescenebeck@gmail.com. Muchas gracias!

***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.*

Special Music *"Down by the Riverside"* Trad./Sproxtton

Children's Moment Dr. Jimmy Watson

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

Reading of Genesis 28:10-19a

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in the fields of our lives, we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short. We get so comfortable that we sleep when we need to be vigilant about the errors in our own lives and the injustices around us. We are so casual about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives and threatens to overwhelm the good we do. Forgive us. Keep us awake so that we can produce the lives you call us to live. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Reading of Romans 8:12-25

Hymn of Preparation *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* #718

Reading of Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (sermon text)

Sermon *"Wheat and Weeds Wishy-Washiness"* Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

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

Prayer Response *"Holy Ground"* #112

*We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

