

# IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

July 30, 2017      EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      8:30 & 10:00 a.m.  
 314-521-7324      info@immanuelucc.org      www.immanuelucc.org

*\* Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome & Life of the Church**

**Prelude**      *“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”*

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

**\*Call to Worship** *(Repeat the words spoken)*

**\*Hymn of Praise**      *“I Am Thine, O Lord”*      #601 (red hymnal)

**\*Invocation**

**God of the Covenant, Your extravagant love has called us together. Long before we even knew You, You already knew us, and had chosen us to be part of Your own family - sisters and brothers with our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. What amazing love You have shown toward us!**

**And so we come before You with praise and thanksgiving, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of Your Holy Spirit.**

**Receive our worship - our praise and prayers and offerings - through the intercession of Your Son, Jesus Christ. May the time we spend here in Your presence bring honor and glory to Your Name. Amen.**

## THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

**Lay Readers this morning:**

<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Paula Hildebrand	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Bruce Davis
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**Ushers this morning:**

<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Krescene Schneider-Beck Beverly Dow Paula Hildebrand	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Bruce Davis Stephen Duncan Kurt Thies
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**Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:**

<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Merry Geisler	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Norma Thies & Betty Marino
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**Outside Welcomers this morning:**

<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bonnie & Bud Heenan	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Cathy & Charlie Miller
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**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**

**Operating Income**

Pledge Payments	\$ 4,071.00
Loose Offerings	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,096.00</b>

**Other Receipts**

<b>Sub Total</b>	
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$ 4,096.00</b>

~ *Announcements* ~

**THANK YOU TO LESLIE REMMERT-SOICH** for sharing her talent with the special music in today's service!

**ALL FAMILIES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH:** You are invited to a Splish Splash Fun Bash! TODAY, 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. Make your reservations with Linda Stoecklin (314-521-7324). Minimal walking unless you bet several times. Please turn in your money for lunch.

**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!

**CALLING FOR BASKETS AND BASKET FILLERS!** The annual card party will be on October 12 and tickets will go on sale soon. We need baskets and items to fill those baskets brought to church now! Please place your donations on the stage in Fellowship Hall and thank you very much.

**DO YOU PLAY BRIDGE?** The Immanuel Church Bridge Marathon Group has openings for several more teams of 2 players each. A different opponent team is played each month from September to April. Play occurs in each other's home or other place of convenience. Players do not need to be members of Immanuel. For more information, contact Glenn or Shirley Cordes at 314/524-5716.

**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!

**\*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**

*"I Surrender All"*  
Leslie Remmert-Soich

Hayes

**Children's Moment 10:00 a.m.**

Rev. Courtney Chandler

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

**Reading of Genesis 29:15-28**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Covenanting God, we seek you in our time. You made promises long ago. You offered your chosen ones blessings. You did wonderful things. We remember those old stories of promise. But, we often doubt your works now amid the poverty, the violence and the racism of our time. We confess that we don't see with your eyes. We don't see the people that are hidden from television cameras and government budgets. Covenanting God, we seek you in their eyes. Help us to see as you see, praying as Jesus taught us, saying . . .**

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

**Words of Assurance**

**Reading of Romans 8:26-39**

**Hymn of Preparation**

*"Seek Ye First"*

#354 (red hymnal)

**Reading of Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52** (sermon text)

**Sermon**

*"The Kingdom of God in Ferguson, Missouri"*

Dr. Jimmy Watson

**Signing of the Covenant with North County Churches Uniting for**

**Racial Harmony & Justice**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer Response**

“When Love Is Found” #499 (red hymnal)  
*When love is found and hope comes home,  
Sing and be glad that two are one.  
When love explodes and fills the sky,  
Praise God, and share our Maker’s joy.*

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory** “They Could Not” Harris & Cloninger  
Leslie Remmert-Soich

**\*Doxology** “Praise God from whom all blessing flow,  
*Praise God all creatures here below: Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.”*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Covenanting God, who sees more than we see, help us to look into the eyes of those we serve so that we may see how lovely they are. Help us to know your grace and beauty revealed in the eyes that are seen through these gifts. In Christ Jesus, we pray.**

**\*Hymn of Parting** “Victory in Jesus” #82 (blue hymnal)

**\*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*

**\*\* CALENDAR \*\***

**IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Today:** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship - NCCU Covenant signing  
12:00 p.m. Youth & families - Swim event - No. County Rec. Center  
**Monday:** 7:00 p.m. Faith Explorations - Room 202  
**Tuesday:** 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100  
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting - Library  
**Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Room 100  
10:00 a.m. Prayer & Share - Library  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
**Thursday:** 10:45 a.m. Immanuel Fellowship Bible Study - Chapel  
11:45 a.m. Immanuel Fellowship Lunch & Program - FH  
**Friday:** 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100  
**Saturday:**  
**Next Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. **ONLY** Worship with Holy Communion

**\* LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE \***

<u>Worship</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>	
8:30 a.m.	43	Students	17
10:00 a.m.	<u>104</u>	Teachers	<u>10</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>		<b>27</b>