

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

August 13, 2017

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 & 10:00a.m.

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.
The hymns today are in the Chalice Hymnal (red).*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

*Bells and Chimes (You are invited to stand)

*Call to Worship

One: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.

All: We need this kind of hope.

One: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are.
Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

All: We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.

*Hymn of Praise "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #622

*Opening Prayer

God of Presence, as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples, meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives. God of Renewal, as you lifted Peter from the water, lift us from despair to hope, from distraction to focus, from death to life. God of the Journey, direct us in your way, work out your purpose in and through our lives. We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Mary Akers

10:00 a.m.

Tim Guethler

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.

Bev Dow

10:00 a.m.

Rose Bollinger

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Leah Richmond, Angel & Sarah
Henson

10:00 a.m.

Carol Shinn & Sandy Morello

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 12,953.80
Loose Offerings	27.00
Memorials	335.00
Use of Property	15,875.80
Sub Total	\$ 15,815.80

Other Receipts

Building & Capital Fund Donations	\$ 10.00
Good Samaritan Donations	443.00
Every Child's Hope (ECH)	35.00
Glenn Fox Memorial Scholarship Fund	25.00
Glenn Fox Scholarship	9,600.00
Accessibility Fund Donations	50.00
Coffee Hour	7.00
Sub Total	\$ 10,170.00
TOTAL	\$ 25,985.80

~ *Announcements* ~

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!

"CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES" - If you would like to attend this hilarious show at Westport Playhouse, let Karen Fox know ASAP. A group is going on Tuesday, August 29 for the 2:00 p.m. matinee show. Karen needs your \$25 by today, August 13 but she has a limited number of tickets so contact her now! Call Karen at 636-949-5223 or the church office 314-521-7324.

ROOM AT THE INN - AUGUST 31 - Immanuel will host Room at the Inn on Thursday, August 31. We're going to serve Lynn Winterberg's delicious chicken and dumplings for dinner that night. (Thank you, Lynn!) We'll need salads, fruit, desserts and drinks to go with the entrée. 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!

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.

THE DECORATING COMMITTEE for Immanuel Fellowship is in need of used Christmas cards. It can be the front only or the whole card. Please give them to Jerry Becker at first service, Nancy Remmert at second service or leave them at the church office.

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.*

Children's Moment

Rev. Courtney Chandler

Special Music

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

Mickelson

Bev Griffin, flute

(The children may now leave for Sunday School)

Reading of Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Confession of Sin

One: God is here, Christ is present, and the Holy Spirit surrounds you.

**All: But we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life,
lost our focus on God and are sinking in sin.**

One: You can begin again. Imagine a new way of being.

**All: We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar.
We have cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might
mean.**

One: God loves you, Christ will lift you from the waves of doubt and the Holy Spirit will rescue you from currents of insecurity and alienation. In these moments of quiet reflection confess to God all that separates you from God and one another.

Time for personal reflection and confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Take heart, do not be afraid. Everyone who calls upon God's name will be saved. We are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Reading of Romans 10:5-15

Hymn of Preparation

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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