

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

August 20, 2017 ELEVENTH 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 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

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

*Call to Worship

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.

One: It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake,
at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street.

All: God meets us here.

One: We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days,
the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives.

*Hymn of Praise *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

#86

*Opening Prayer

Maker of Our Days, you created each of us unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses. Restorer of Our Souls, you have seen the parched places we have made in our lives, along with the devastation thrust upon us by the action of inaction of others. Meet us in the places of our deepest pain so that our masks of self-sufficiency might fall away and we might be drawn into right relationship with you and one another. Breath of Our Lives, without you we are but a mound of clay. Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship, set us on fire so that others might be drawn into our light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care. Amen.

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

George Hildebrand

10:00 a.m.

Juli Duncan

Ushers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Chris Struble

Krescene Beck

Beverly Dow

Shirley Joellenbeck

10:00 a.m.

Glenn Cordes

Fran Panagos

John Viehmann

Keith Wogtech

Art Rinderknecht

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Merry Geisler

10:00 a.m.

Klasing family

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Marty Schuster

10:00 a.m.

Laura Payer

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments \$ 5,378.00

Loose Offerings 11.00

Memorials 50.00

Sub Total \$ 5,439.00

Other Receipts

Good Samaritan Donations 75.00

Coffee Hour 17.00

Sub Total \$ 92.00

TOTAL \$ 5,531.00

~ *Announcements* ~

ATTENTION IMMANUEL YOUTH! - On August 27, youth in grades 7-12 are invited to go play Demolition Ball at Adrenaline Zone in St. Charles. We will have lunch in the youth room immediately after the 10:00 a.m. service and then head out. Cost is \$12/person. You must be at least 12 years old and 54” tall. See Pastor Courtney for more details.

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!

ZION UCC IN FLORISSANT is having a Trivia Night on Saturday, Sept. 9. Play starts at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person or \$150 per table of 8. Popcorn and soda will be provided and hotdogs for \$1.00. Any funds raised will go to charities they support i.e. Lydia’s House or Emmaus Houses. There will also be a silent auction for baskets or other donations. Any questions, call Zion office at 314-741-1590.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT COLLECTIONS will begin Sunday, September 10. Please bring your weekly donations to help feed the Ferg/Flor Middle School students on weekends during the school year.

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.

***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 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Courtney Chandler

Special Music

“Come On Up To The House”
Mary Akers & Phil Lum

Waits/Jarosz

(The children may now leave for Sunday School)

Reading of Genesis 45:1-15

Confession of Sin

One: When we try to go it on our own lacking faith in divine providence,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

One: When we have not recognized God at work in the faith of others,

All: Christ, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

One: In all that we have done and all that we have left undone,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: God calls each of us by name and cries out with tears of joy
as we recognize God in our admission of need.

**All: Praise be to God who welcomes us as we are, challenges us to let go of
our guilt and provides a way for us to walk on together.**

Reading of Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Hymn of Preparation

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#576

Reading of Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon "Jesus' Embarrassing Moment" Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

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

Prayer Response. "Make Us One"

Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.

Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "The Offertory" Westcott

***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**

Holy God, you are our provider. We dedicate to your service our lives and these offerings from your blessing and our labor. Work in us and through us to extend your love and care, here and around the world. Amen.

***Hymn of Parting** "Standing on the Promises" #552

***Benediction**

***Postlude** (please be seated) "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing" Moon/Uncle Daddy
Mary Akers & Phil Lum

**** CALENDAR ****

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening - Archive Room
3:00 p.m. Interfaith Dialogue - Room 202
Monday: 7:00 p.m. Faith Explorations - Room 202
Tuesday: NO PACE
7:00 p.m. Small handbell ensemble - Music Room
Wednesday: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
9:00 a.m. Quilters - Room 100
10:00 a.m. Prayer & Share - Room 202
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
Thursday:
Friday: NO PACE
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship

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>	
8:30 a.m.	40	Students	13
10:00 a.m.	99	Teachers	6
Total	139		19