

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

August 6, 2017

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 a.m.

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Those who are able are invited to stand.

The hymns today are in the Family of God Hymnal (blue).

Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation" Wesley/Smith

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

*Call to Worship

One: The day breaks

All: And God does not let us go.

One: The hour calls

All: And God does not let us go.

One: The evening falls

All: And God holds us fast.

One: Let us turn to God in worship

All: God, who never turns from us.

*Hymn of Praise "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #322

*Gathering Praise

God, you see us. You see our struggles, you see our difficulties, you see our possibilities, you see our promise. Connect the dots for us, O God. Soften the hard spots with your blessing. Call us in our wandering to hear you say our names. Satisfy our longings as with loaves and fishes and manna from heaven. For you are a good God, a God present in the scramble, and in the end, you always, always have a blessing. For this and so much more, we give you thanks, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Reader this morning:

Karen Fox

Ushers this morning:

Terry & Karen Fox

Jack Krein

Charlie & Cathy Miller

Jeff Remmert

Louise Pennell

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

Jan Fettig & Carolyn Lipski

Outside Welcomers this morning:

Paula & George Hildebrand

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments \$ 2,542.00

Loose Offerings 105.00

Sub Total \$ 2,647.00

Other Receipts

Building & Capital Fund Donations \$ 5.00

Good Samaritan Donations 193.05

Insurance Payment for Reception Room 8,456.62

Coffee Hour 19.00

Sub Total \$ 8,673.67

TOTAL \$ 11,320.67

~ *Announcements* ~

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!

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.

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.*

Reading of Genesis 32:22-31

Hymn *"Here, O My Lord, I see Thee Face to Face"* #567, vs. 1 & 2

Reading of Romans 9:1-5

Prayer of Confession

God of all mercy: I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sins in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored stand between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you and I shall follow you giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Reading of Matthew 14:13-21

Hymn of Preparation *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* #439

Sermon *"The Divine Weapon"* Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

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

Prayer Response.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Offertory on “*Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*” Burton

***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**

God of increase and bounty, Source of all good things: we offer these gifts as a portion of that which you have given us. May these gifts be as loaves and fishes for those who find themselves in poverty or hunger. May this act of giving bring about change: change in our lives, change in the lives we touch, change in the systems that harm. Through Christ, who gave so much to save. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion (insert)

***Hymn of Parting** “*Blessed Assurance*” #67

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “*Light of the World*” Ritter

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*In Loving Memory of
Frank Lipski
Given by
His wife, Carolyn*

FLOWERS ON THE FLOWER STAND

*In Honor of
Sue Schuster’s birthday
Given by
The Schuster Family*

**** CALENDAR ****

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship - Holy Communion
Monday: 7:00 p.m. Faith Explorations - Room 202
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100
7:00 p.m. Church Council - Room 202
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Room 100
10:00 a.m. Prayer & Share - Library
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
Thursday:
Friday: 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100
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.	45	Students	14
10:00 a.m.	67	Teachers	5
Total	112		19