

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

Jan. 14, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:30 & 10:00 a.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 "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"

*Bells and Chimes (You are invited to stand)

*Call to Worship

One: Something made the hairs stand up on our necks. Was it you, O God?

All: Was it you that we saw blowing over the water?

One: Was it you that we heard moving through those feet?

All: Was it you that we felt in the beating of our own hearts?

One: Was it you that called our names?

All: Come, O God. Come to search us. Come to know us again.

One: We were knit in your womb. We have tried to count your works.

All: Come, O God, so that we can hear you calling our names. Here and now.

*Hymn of Praise "Woke Up This Morning" #623

*Gathering Prayer

Loving God, you call your people to tasks we would not ourselves choose. Give us the grace to love you enough to follow when you call. You know our weakness and have promised to give resources for that which you ask of us. We praise you for your generous care. Like Samuel, let us say "Here I am." God of surprising light, here we are.

We are surrounded, O God, with people who need to hear the story, people who need to meet the one from Nazareth, Jesus our Lord. Make our places of worship places of hospitality and welcome. Make our words and actions, words and actions of invitation. Like Philip, let us say, "Come and see." God of surprising light, here we are.

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Kim Lytle

10:00 a.m.

Charlie Miller

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.

Judy Thompson

10:00 a.m.

Larry & Sandy Priem

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Marty Schuster

10:00 a.m.

Krescene Beck

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 9,294.00
Loose Offerings	30.00
Special Donations	79.00
Sub Total	\$ 9,403.00

Other Receipts

Christmas Offering	50.00
Ferguson Caring League	45.00
Bldg & Cap Improvement Fund Donations	110.00
Coffee Hour	5.00
Sub-Total	\$ 210.00

TOTAL

\$ 9,613.00

~ *Announcements* ~

FAITH EXPLORATIONS (MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY) - We have begun 2018 by studying the book of Genesis. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please come and learn more about the first book of the Bible! We meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 202.

YOUTH EVENT - Today following worship we will meet in the youth room for lunch, fellowship, and outreach as we go to the Dollar Tree by Schnuck's to hand out free coffee and hot chocolate to people shopping. We will be joined by youth from St. Peter's UCC and Zion Lutheran.

BON APPETITE HOME GROUP will meet next Sunday, January 21 following worship at the home of Shirley and Al Joellenbeck. This will be a planning meeting for 2018. Please come join us even though you may not be able to attend every month.

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE will also meet next Sunday, January 21 at their regular time of 3:00 p.m. in Room 202.

IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB - The January meeting of the Immanuel Book Club will be held on Sunday, January 28 after the second service. We will meet at the home of Joyce Holland, 4 Drummond Dr., Ferguson. Our book this month is *The Girl Who Fell From the Sky*, by Heidi Durrow. Please call Joyce at 314/524-0337 or 314/779-8790 to let her know if you plan to attend. A potluck brunch will be served.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR AND FLOWER STAND - We have many openings for 2018 to provide flowers for worship services. Please call the church office and reserve your Sunday.

HEC 11TH ANNUAL DINING IN & ACTING OUT - An evening of entertainment and dining to benefit the St. Louis Chapter of Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) will be held on Friday, February 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. The place is the Savoy Banquet Center, 119 So. Florissant Road, Ferguson. Tickets are \$20/person or \$30/couple. Family rates are also available. Dinner is all you can eat pasta. For reservations call: Pat at 314/570-3409 or Jeff at 314/524-0500.

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS have been mailed and emailed this week. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Jansen at the church office, 314/521-7324.

***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

(The children may now go to Sunday School while we sing "Jesus Loves Me")

Reading of 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Special Music (10:00 a.m.)

"Here I Am, Lord"
Sanctuary Choir

Schutte/Courtney

Reading of 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you have called us by name. You will not let us lounge in bed. You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember . . . *(prayer of silence for God's works)*

You will not let us hide under the tree. You summon us from the shade to be changed . . . *(prayer of silence for those things that need to be changed)*

You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth. You unearth our fears and speak them aloud . . . *(prayer of silence to name our fears)*

Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak. Reveal the words we need most. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Reading of John 1:43-51

Hymn of Preparation

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#586

Sermon

"Stay Woke!"

Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

