

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

Jan. 21, 2018
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THIRD 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 “”

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

*Call to Worship

One: We gather to respond to the call of God’s love
All: Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.
 One: May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.
All: Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.
 One: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.
**All: May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far
 To know the love of this divine presence.**

*Hymn of Praise “The Summons” (insert)

*Gathering Prayer

From deep within us we know of a loving presence. All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light. We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, “God!” In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places. God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer be more and more in us that we might live more and more in you. Amen.

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

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

Other Receipts

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| 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 Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Special Music (10:00 a.m.) “”
Sanctuary Choir

Reading of 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, what blessing and privilege we share here I this sacred space and among this loving community. But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience. Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Reading of Mark 1:14-20

Hymn of Preparation *"Softly and Tenderly"* #340

Sermon *"Why Evangelism is a Bad Idea"* Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

