

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

Jan. 28, 2018

FOURTH 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 Family of God Hymnal (blue).

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude "Shine, Jesus, Shine " Kendrick/Bettcher
Crescendo Ringers

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

*Opening Dialogue: Call to Worship

One: Friends in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

All: We bring hope for health and wholeness.

One: What afflictions do you bring to worship? Physical pain?

All: From illness and injury.

One: Emotional pain?

All: From sad and scary life situations.

One: Mental pain?

All: From dis-ease of many kinds.

One: With all of these afflictions,
it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!

All: But where else would we be?

We yearn to know God's powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible.

One: In today's gospel, a person with an afflicting spirit interrupts Jesus

All: And Jesus sets the person free.

One: And where does the miracle of this story and our stories begin?

All: When we bring all of who we are—Hopeful, afflicted, bold—into relationship with the Divine.

One: So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves

All: --Hopeful, afflicted and bold—

One: Come, let us worship!

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Bev Dow

10:00 a.m.

Juli Duncan

Ushers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Leah Richmond

Sarah Henson

Teddy Branom

Carlos Trejo

10:00 a.m.

Don Morice

Kim & Kristin Haynes

Carrie & Jeff Seeley

Cindy Thies

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Marty Schuster

10:00 a.m.

Doug & Robyn Daniels

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Bonnie & Bud Heenan

10:00 a.m.

Ron & Karen Caguin

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 4,724.00
Loose Offerings	5.00
Initial Offerings	19.00
Sub Total	\$ 4,748.00

Other Receipts

Every Child's Hope	50.00
Advent/White Gift Offerings	500.00
Bldg & Cap Improvement Fund Donations	125.00
Kitchen Fund Donations	200.00
Good Samaritan Donations	1,000.00
Discretionary Assistance Fund Donations	100.00
Coffee Hour	20.00
Sub-Total	\$ 1,995.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,743.00

~ *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.

IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB - The January meeting of the Immanuel Book Club is today, 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. A potluck brunch will be served.

IMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP meets this Thursday, February 1. Bible Study will be in the Chapel at 10:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The days program is a "Valentine Project. We will sign Valentines to be sent to home-bound and shut-in friends. Bring your own lunch. Desert and drinks will be provided. Please join us.

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.

CARDINAL TICKETS - June 16 will be NCCU night at the Cardinals game. They'll be playing the dreaded Chicago Cubs! As a fundraiser for the NCCU, right field box seats, normally \$89 are available for \$60. A portion of each ticket, \$5, will benefit the NCCU youth programs and TEAM (The Emergency Assistance Ministry) in Florissant. Please contact Leah Richmond, 314/276-9974, if you'd like to attend and how many tickets you will need. Tickets are limited, so the sooner the better. Thanks!!

***Hymn of Praise** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #608

***Prayer of Reconciliation**

***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.) Dr. Jimmy Watson
(The children may now go to Sunday School while we sing "Jesus Loves Me")

Reading of Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Choir Anthem (10:00 a.m.) "Standing on the Promises" Pethel
Sanctuary Choir

Reading of 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith #361 (red)

Reading of Mark 1:21-28

Hymn of Preparation "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #560

Sermon "The Exorcist" Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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

Prayer Response "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness.
O Praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Offering Invitation

Offertory

“Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

***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.”

***Dedication of the Offering**

Transforming God, we dedicate our gifts for the health of your creation. May those who receive these gifts be blessed by your love and inspired to give to others so that your creation will continue to be transformed by your love. Amen.

***Hymn of Parting**

“Be Thou My Vision”

#468

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“The Preacher”

**** CALENDAR ****

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

- Today:** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship
8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Library
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Singers - Music Room
- Monday:** 6:30 p.m. Immanuel Bowling League - Olympic Lanes
7:00 p.m. Faith Explorations - Room 202
- Tuesday:** 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100
- Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Room 100
10:00 a.m. Prayer & Share - Room 202
7:00 p.m. Crescendo Ringers - Music Room
- Thursday:** 10:45 a.m. Immanuel Fellowship Bible Study - Chapel
11:45 a.m. Immanuel Fellowship Lunch & Program - FH
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- Friday:** 10:00 a.m. NO PACE
- Next Sunday:** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
8:30 a.m. Adult SS - Library
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Singers - Music Room

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out the attendance pads that are located in the pew. If you are a visitor, please let us know you were here and provide us with any information you feel comfortable sharing with us.

PRAYER CARDS IN THE PEW. If you have a prayer request please fill out the Prayer Card in the pew and give to the ushers during the first hymn.

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>		<u>Adult Sunday School</u>
8:30 a.m.	38	Students	19	4
10:00 a.m.	82	Teachers	10	
Total	120	Total	29	