

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

Oct. 15, 2017

NINETEENTH 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 Chalice Hymnal (red).*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude *“Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying”*

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

*Call to Worship

One: Gather at the mountain of God’s holiness.

All: Today is a day to celebrate God.

One: Gather aware of those you left behind to be here.

All: Today is a day to stand in the gap between God and God’s children.

One: Gather to share God’s presence.

All: Today is a day of transformation for us and for God’s world.

***Hymn of Praise** *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”* #15

*Gathering Prayer

Living God, at times you seem so distant; help us know you are near. At times we stray; welcome us home. Standing in your presence, we know there are other people we could be with; help us bridge the gap between your presence and the people we love. We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THANKS TO TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Reader this morning:

George Hildebrand

Ushers this morning:

Glenn Cordes
Art Rinderknecht
Keith Wogtech

Fran Panagos
John Viehmann

Sanctuary Door Greeter this morning:

Carol Latzel

Outside Welcomers this morning:

Bonnie & Bud Heenan

LAST WEEK’S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 4,381.50
Loose Offerings	<u>27.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 4,408.50

Other Receipts

Neighbors in Need Offerings	\$ 80.00
Building & Capital Improvement Fund Donations	63.00
Discretionary Fund Donations	25.00
Festival of Sharing	1,000.00
ECH Food Basket	75.00
Coffee Hour	<u>17.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 1,260.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,668.50

~ *Announcements* ~

IMMANUEL & LGBT CONVERSATION - This coming Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m., we are inviting any members and friends of the LGBT community to an evening of conversation. Specifically we will discuss Immanuel's relationship with the LGBT community and how we can improve our welcoming and hospitality in this regard. Anyone who would like to participate in this conversation is encouraged to attend.

ADVENTURE SEEKERS meet on Thursday, October 19 at 8:30 a.m. for a trip to Fulton, Mo. We will be touring the Winston Churchill Memorial museum. The tour will take about 2 hours. Cost of the museum is \$7.50 (65+) and \$8.50 for adults. Following the tour we will have lunch at Bek's restaurant in Fulton. Please call the church office and make a reservation and let us know if you can drive.

COOKIES/CANDY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS - Please bring your cookies/candy to be packaged for college students on Saturday, October 21. A cart for drop-offs will be at parking lot door. You can drop off on Friday before noon or Saturday before 9:00 a.m. Thank you!

PUMPKINLAND NIGHT - Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 21, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for Immanuel's night at Pumpkinland. The place is Thies Farm in Creve Coeur, 3121 Maryland Heights Expressway. See insert for more info and waiver.

NEXT WEEK, WOMEN'S SUNDAY - Next Sunday, October 22, several women of the church will be sharing the liturgy, the Women's Chorus will sing, and Rev. Annie Watson will provide the sermon.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT for youth in grades 6-8 at Camp Moval November 17-18. Registration forms and money are due by Sunday, October 29. Please see Pastor Courtney for more information.

ECH CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX Lists and bins are available downstairs now or during the week from the church office.

LIBRARY RE-DEDICATION - Next Sunday, October 22, we will have a re-dedication of our church library. Marlene & Tony Wright and Bonnie Heenan have spent many hours updating and recoding the entire library. Children of the church have made some new art work as well for the library. Please join us next Sunday after worship, about 11:15 a.m. to see all that has been done.

***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

Raised Hands Puppets

Special Music

"Let the Sun Shine In"

Sunday School Singers

(The children are invited to go to Sunday School now as we sing, "Jesus Loves Me.")

Reading of Exodus 32:1-14

Prayer of Confession

One: When we have fashioned idols of our own desire
Or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice,
Or failed to extend the invitation to others,

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy
Or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven. God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Praise God!

Reading of Philippians 4:1-9

Special Music -

"Are You Dressed for the Wedding?"

Martin

Sanctuary Choir

Reading of Matthew 22:1-14

Hymn of Preparation

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#612

Sermon

"Universal Priesthood"

Dr. Jimmy Watson

