

# IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

Oct. 22, 2017 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 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** "Mary, Woman of the Promise"

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

### \*Call to Worship

One: How shall we know that we have found favor in Your sight, O God?

**All: How do we know that we are created in your image?**

One: How do we know Your presence is always with us?

**All: How do we find faith within ourselves, O God?**

One: With Moses we implore, "Show us Your glory".

**All: We seek your graciousness now.**

\*Hymn of Praise "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #319

### \*Invocation (in unison)

**Our God, fill us with the assurance of Your grace. We need such assurance because we are so full of the sense of failure, so full of memories of having fallen short, and of letting You down. We are full of words we said and wish we hadn't, as well as full of words we didn't say and wish we had. Fill us with the assurance of Your grace and the possibility of being full of your everlasting love. Amen.**

## THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

### Lay Readers this morning:

**8:30 a.m.**

Teddy Branom  
 Kathi Remmert  
 Beverly Dow

**10:00 a.m.**

Jennifer Jansen  
 Carolyn Rock  
 Allison Jansen

### 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.**

Krescene Schneider-Beck

**10:00 a.m.**

Glenn & Shirley Cordes

### Outside Welcomers this morning:

**8:30 a.m.**

Chris Struble

**10:00 a.m.**

Barb Thompson & Nick Thompson

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

### Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 4,929.00
Special Donations	125.00
Loose Offerings	1 00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,055.00</b>

### Other Receipts

Neighbors in Need Offerings	\$ 75.00
Building & Capital Improvement Fund Donations	40.00
Every Child's Hope (ECH)	25.00
Parish Nurse Fund	25.00
Coffee Hour	17.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 182.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,237.00</b>

~ *Announcements* ~

**THANK YOU** to all the women who helped with today's worship services.

**THANK YOU** to the many people who made this year's card/game party a big success. Your donations and participation are greatly appreciated. Thank you, again and we'll see you next year.

**A WORLD OF THANKS** for a successful 2nd annual Festival of Sharing's St. Louis Sharefest! We had 30 youth and adults spend the night, learning about Heifer International and helping prepare for Sharefest. At the Sharefest, 90+ people of various faith communities came together to gather in and send out Missouri Packs as well as package 30,832 cheesy rice meals for St. Louis area food pantries. Immanuel's giving totaled \$1,839; we donated 5 School Kits, 50 pairs of eyeglasses, 29 Readin' and Writin' Packs, 28 Student Dental Packs, and \$1,000 cash. We are blessed to be a blessing to others!

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

**WURSTMARKT!** Please read the blue insert and mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4! Volunteers are needed in all areas! Also, don't forget to sign up to bring some pies.

**NCCU COVENANT RENEWAL CEREMONY** - On Sunday afternoon, November 12 at 3:00 p.m., there will be a covenant signing ceremony for those churches who have made a commitment to support the NCCU (North County Churches United for Racial Harmony & Justice). The service will be at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 10235 Ashbrook Dr., 63137. We will receive a plaque and our Sanctuary Choir will be participating.

**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.

**ADVENTURE SEEKER'S - THURSDAY, December 14** is the annual Christmas party for the Adventure Seeker's at David Hoffman's Home. We will meet at Immanuel at 11:00 a.m. and car pool to David's home. Parking is limited. Bring a \$5.00 gift to share at the exchange. Call Nurse Linda for reservations.

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

**\*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.*

**Special Music (10:00 a.m. only)**      *"A Perfect Heart"*      Fettke  
Women's Chorus

**Children's Moment (10:00 a.m. only)**      Rev. Annie Watson  
*(The children are invited to go to Sunday School now as we sing, "Jesus Loves Me.)*

**Reading of Exodus 33:12-23**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**God knows each of us by name and shows deference to no one. Why do we put Him to the test? Let us confess our ambivalence, our confusion, our frustration and our apathy about the discrepancy between what we believe and what we do. We confess to clinging to Your grace. Our most honest confession is our deepest gratitude for your grace. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Reading of I Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**Reading of Matthew 22:15-22**

**Hymn of Preparation**      *"Abide With Me"*      #500

**Sermon**      *"Give to God the Things that are Gods"*      Rev. Annie Watson

**Prayer Concerns**

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

**Prayer Response**      *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*      #108

*Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.  
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.*

**Invitation to Offering**

One: God assures you when nothing else can.

**All: “My presence will go with you”, says God. “I will give you rest”, prays God.**

One: Let us carry this spirit into our giving. Let us praise God with our gifts of tithes and offerings.

**Offertory** *“Be Thou My Vision”*

**\*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**

**We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, and peace in God’s name. Guide us in Your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest your righteousness in the world and all we do.**

**\*Hymn of Parting** *“O, How I Love Jesus”* #634

**\*Benediction**

**All: “May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, which surpasses all human understanding, fill our hearts and minds with the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit”**

One: and God’s people said:

**All: Amen.**

**\*Postlude** *“O Happy Day”*



***FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR***  
*To the Glory of God!*

**\*\* CALENDAR \*\***

**IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

- Today:** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Re-Dedication of Church Library  
11:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
- 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  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library  
7:00 p.m. Crescendo Ringers - Music Room
- Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. Newsletter Mailing - Library  
7:00 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting - Library  
7:00 p.m. E-Team - Room 202  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Reception Room
- Friday:** 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100
- Next Sunday:** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship  
8:30 a.m. Adult SS - Library  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Singers - Music Room  
11:15 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

**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>
9:30 a.m. 137	Students 20	
	Teachers 8	
<b>Total 137</b>	<b>Total 28</b>	