

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

Oct. 8, 2017 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 & 10 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

Introduction of Church Council & Board of CE Nominees (10:00 a.m.)

Prelude *"All Who Love and Serve Your City"*

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

*Call to Worship

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

All: May our worship reflect God's glory.

One: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

All: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

One: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

All: We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.

One: With Christians across geography and across time,

All: Let us worship!

*Hymn of Praise *"Jesus Calls Us"* #337

*Gathering Prayer

Holy and gracious God, let us be open to your presence among your people, those gathered for worship, and all of your people, throughout your creation. May we receive you fully and respond to you wholeheartedly. Amen.

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Angel Henson

10:00 a.m.

Joyce Holland

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.

Doug & Robyn Daniels

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Sue & Melinda Schuster

10:00 a.m.

Phyllis, Walter & Phillip Martinez

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 11,794.00
Special Donations (Memorials)	10.00
Loose Offerings	<u>3.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 11,807.00

Other Receipts

Neighbors in Need Offerings	\$ 736.00
Building & Capital Improvement Fund Donations	136.00
Food Pantry Donation	10.00
Coffee Hour	<u>27.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 909.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,716.00

~ *Announcements* ~

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be next Sunday, October 15 following the worship service. There will be **ONLY ONE SERVICE** at **9:30 a.m.**

IMMANUEL & LGBT CONVERSATION - On 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 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. You can drop off on Friday before noon or Saturday before 9:00 a.m. Thank you!

PUMPKINLAND NIGHT IS SET - 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. There will be hayrides, snacks and fun for all! Everyone attending will need to sign a waiver which can be found in the October newsletter, both online and hard copy plus we'll have some in the church office.

THERE WILL BE A FALL FESTIVAL at Camp Moval on Sunday, October 15, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The price is \$5/person with a \$20 cap for families. There will be hot dogs, boating, inflatables, crafts, hayride, archery, costume contest, campfire and more!

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.

FREE! FREE! FREE! THIS IS THE LAST WEEK - Please visit the Reception Room downstairs and peruse the FREE archival surplus table. We're working hard to update all materials in the room and these are extras. Please take what you want.

***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

Rev. Courtney Chandler

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

Reading of Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (sermon text)

Special Music - 10:00 a.m.

"Agnus Dei"
Sanctuary Choir

Raney

Reading of Philippians 3:4b-14

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we too often focus on the differences among us, rather than celebrating what we share in common. Forgive us. Help us to remember we are siblings to all of humanity, each and all of us created in your image. When we choose conflict, redirect our thoughts and actions to your love and your call to love each other. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Reading of Matthew 21:33-46

Hymn of Preparation

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

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Sermon

"The Ten Serious Suggestions"

Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

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

Prayer Response

"How Firm a Foundation"
*Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

