

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

Feb. 4, 2018

FIFTH 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 *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*

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

*Call to Worship

One: Good people of the church, lift up your eyes and see.

All: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God greets us here.

One: Good servants of the Most High, Open your ears to hear.

All: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God greets us here.

One: Good children of the light, open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

All: For we have seen, heard and known from the beginning to the end, Our God . . . is.

***Hymn of Praise** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* #25 vss. 1,2 & 5

*Gathering Prayer

Eternal God, Creator of the Universe . . . and then some. We call on you, you who greet us here. We give you thanks for making it possible to gather, and to ponder your eternal mysteries. Make us, creatures of this time and space, ready collaborators with your endless grace. Amen.

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Krescene Beck

10:00 a.m.

Karl Klasing

Ushers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Bonnie & Bud Heenan

Barb Bloomfield

Robert McGrath

10:00 a.m.

Terry & Karen Fox

Jack Krein

Karl Klasing

Charlie & Cathy Miller

Jeff Rimmert

Louise Pennell

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Teddy Branom

10:00 a.m.

Susan Deuser & Carol Pohl

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.

Phil Frohne

10:00 a.m.

Kathi Rimmert

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments \$ 3,860.00

Loose Offerings 10.00

Initial Offerings 23.00

Sub Total \$ 3,893.00

Other Receipts

Blanket Fund 3.00

Endowment Fund 25.00

Miscellaneous 34.97

Good Samaritan Donations 64.58

Coffee Hour 24.90

Sub-Total \$ 152.45

TOTAL \$ 4,045.45

~ *Announcements* ~

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. 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.

E-TEAM SPONSORS A PANCAKE BREAKFAST/BRUNCH - On Sunday, February 11, a pancake & sausage breakfast will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Come join us and bring your appetite! A free-will offering will be taken.

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER AND WORSHIP - Ash Wednesday is February 14. We will have services at both 1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., both in the Sanctuary. The Church Council will provide dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, prior to the 7 p.m. service. Both worship services will include the imposition of ashes, the anointing of oil and a healing blessing.

2018 CAMP MOVAL APPLICATIONS ARE HERE! -The church office received 2018 information booklets and registration forms for summer camps. Please call the church office to request a form. Early registration deadline is April 1, 2018.

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!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - With the departure of Rev. Courtney this month, we will need to fill her role with the children during worship. Pastor Jimmy has been sharing with the children on the fourth Sunday and the children aren't in worship on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to be a "children's time" volunteer for the second or third Sunday on a rotating basis or just on a periodic basis, we'd love to hear from you. You can call the church office to let us know how you can help. Thank you.

THANK YOU to all my church family for their prayers and kindness shown to me and my family following Al's passing. If I missed anyone with a personal thank you, I'm sorry. I don't know what I would have done without my church. Thank you so much, Sheila Wedemeyer.

***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.*

Reading of Isaiah 40:21-31

Choir Anthem "Do You Thirst?" Shepperd
Phil Lum, violin

Reading of 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Hymn of Preparation "There is a Balm in Gilead" #501

Reading of Mark 1:29-39

Sermon "The Pivot" Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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

Prayer Response "Amen, Amen"
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen. (Repeat)

Offering Invitation

Offertory "On Eagle's Wings"

***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**

God of all that is, all we have, all we are—we give. We give these gifts as we reach across the thresholds of our concerns. We give these gifts, knowing that they will give so much more. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Introduction to Communion

One: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the God we love.

All: We freely give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Eucharistic Prayer

. . . Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Distribution

Post-Communion Prayer

We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence. We have been led, Eternal One, by your light. May we bask in this glow now and forever more. Amen.

***Hymn of Parting**

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

#529

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Take Time to be Holy"

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

**** CALENDAR ****

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

- Today:** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Library
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Singers - Music Room
11:15 a.m. Raised Hands Puppet Rehearsal - Puppet Room
- Monday:** 6:30 p.m. Immanuel Bowling League - Olympic Lanes
7:00 p.m. Faith Explorations - Room 202
- Tuesday:** NO PACE
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Meeting - Library
- 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** 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- Friday:** 10:00 a.m. NO PACE
6:00-9:00 p.m. HEC Dinner - Savoy
- 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
11:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

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.

* LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE *				
<u>Worship</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>		<u>Adult Sunday School</u>
8:30 a.m.	43	Students	23	4
10:00 a.m.	115	Teachers	9	
Total	158	Total	32	