

# IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

Sept. 24, 2017      **SIXTEENTH 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

**Prelude**      *"Make Me a Servant"*

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

### \*Call to Worship

One: Our eyes are heavy. Our hope is soaring. We wait in the marketplace.

**All: Our God is gracious.**

One: Our feet are tired. Our expectations rise. We are hired first.

**All: Our God is merciful.**

One: Our backs are sore. Our spirits are low. We are paid last.

**All: Our God is slow to anger.**

One: Our temples flare. Our anger rages. We take what belongs to us.

**All: Our God abounds in steadfast love.**

\*Hymn of Praise      *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*      #631

### \*Invocation

**Call all the laborers, O God; call your laborers who woke early; call your laborers who came late; call your laborers who feel wronged; call your laborers who feel overlooked; call your laborers who can't feed their children with this wage; call your laborers who know they are working in your field; call your laborers who use their wage to increase our love; call all your laborers, O God. Tell us to roll up our sleeves for we know that we have work to do. Let us find you in the work we share here and now. In Christ's presence we pray. Amen.**

## THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

### Lay Readers this morning:

**8:30 a.m.**

Joan Newman

**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

Jeff & Carrie Seeley

Cindy Thies

### Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

**8:30 a.m.**

Angel & Sarah Henson

**10:00 a.m.**

Karen & Terry Fox

### Outside Welcomers this morning:

**8:30 a.m.**

Teddy Branom

**10:00 a.m.**

Krescene Beck

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

### Operating Income

Pledge Payments      \$ 4,688.00

Special Donations (Memorials)      200.00

Loose Offerings      1.00

**Sub Total      \$ 4,889.00**

### Other Receipts

Brothers' In Christ Scholarship Fund      100.00

Discretionary Assistance Fund      200.00

Parish Nurse Fund      100.00

Camp Scholarship Fund      100.00

Lydia's House      20.00

Coffee Hour      21.10

**Sub Total      \$ 541.11**

**TOTAL      \$ 5,430.10**

~ *Announcements* ~

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING** will be received next week, October 1 which is also World-Wide Communion Sunday.

**FOR THOSE IN CONFIRMATION**, our Fall Retreat will be Friday, September 29 & Saturday, September 30 at Boone Trails. Cost is \$10. For more information, please see Pastor Courtney.

**BON APPETITE HOME GROUP** will meet on Saturday, September 30 at the home of Louise Pennell at 5:00 p.m.. The street address is: 1450 Flamingo Dr., Florissant. The location for the October 14 gathering has been changed and will now meet at the home of Sandra Morello. All are welcome!

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

**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.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT COLLECTIONS** Please bring your weekly donations to help feed the Ferg/Flor Middle School students on weekends during the school year.

**FREE! FREE! FREE!** 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.

**ECH CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX** list is a little different this year. The approximate size of some items has been included to aid you with the purchasing of items. Approximate size for cereal is 11-15oz.; jelly/jam can range from 16-32oz depending on brand and type. Immanuel has always shown their love and generosity including items with twenty-five percent more or bonus size containers. This is always welcome and appreciated, as long all items can fit into the bins with the lid secure. Lists and bins will be available downstairs beginning next Sunday.

**THE DECORATING COMMITTEE** for Immanuel Fellowship is in need of used Christmas cards. It can be the front only or the whole card. Please give them to Jerry Becker at first service, Nancy Remmert at second service or leave them at 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.**                      *"We Are Not Alone"*                      Choplin  
Sanctuary Choir, Claudia Buschmeyer, soloist

**Children's Moment - 10:00 a.m.**                      Rev. Courtney Chandler  
*(The children are invited to go to Sunday School while we sing "Jesus Loves Me")*

**Reading of Exodus 16:2-15**

**Reading of Philippians 1:21-30**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Generous God, You bestow grace upon all your children. We witness your goodness to others and far too often cry out, "It isn't fair!" Forgive us for being envious of your generosity. Help us to see with Your eyes and Your heart. Give us what we need to continue to labor in the fields for you today and every day. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Reading of Matthew 20:1-16**

**Hymn of Preparation**                      *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*                      #73

**Sermon**                      *"You Get What You Get"*                      Rev. Courtney Chandler

**Prayer Concerns**

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

**Prayer Response**

*“Give Thanks”*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ His Son, give thanks.*

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

*“There Is a Balm in Gilead”*

**\*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**

**\*Hymn of Parting**

*“Living For Jesus”*

#610

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*“God Will Take Care of You”*



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

**IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

- Today:** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Christmas Pageant Read-thru - Sanctuary
- 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 - Sanctuary
- Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. Newsletter Mailing  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Reception Room
- Friday:** NO PACE
- Saturday:** 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. St. Louis Association Meeting
- Next Sunday:** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion,  
Neighbors in Need Offering  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Singers - Music Room  
11:15 a.m. Puppet Rehearsal - Puppet Room

**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. 30	Students 24	7
10:00 a.m. <u>115</u>	Teachers <u>10</u>	
<b>Total 145</b>	<b>Total 34</b>	