

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

Sept. 3, 2017

THIRTEENTH 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 *"Seek Ye First"*

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

*Call to Worship

One: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

All: **Seek God here.**

One: We who come to be inspired and changed

All: **Seek God's Spirit here.**

One: We who know how little we know

All: **Seek God's Word here.**

*Hymn of Praise *"Go Down, Moses"* #663

*Gathering Prayer

God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows, in the blazing fire that does not consume, in the face of the good, in the deep of the unknown. We meet you here. We accept your greeting. We welcome your inspiration. We await the change you have in store for us. Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention. Bring us to you—you who are already with us. Help us to be as you would have us be. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.

*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.*

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Reader this morning:

Teddy Branom

Ushers this morning:

Bonnie & Bud Heenan

Barb Bloomfield

Robert McGrath

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

Marion Pohlman & Carol Latzel

Outside Welcomer this morning:

Marty Schuster

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments \$ 2,937.50

Loose Offerings 8.00

Memorials 80.00

Sub Total \$ 2,970.50

Other Receipts

Habitat for Humanity 50.00

Music Enhancement Fund 250.00

Parish Nurse Fund 40.00

Good Samaritan Donations 50.00

Discretionary Assistance Fund 100.00

Coffee Hour 16.00

Sub Total \$ 506.00

TOTAL \$ 3,476.50

~ *Announcements* ~

A NEW INFORMAL ACTIVITY is planned each month for the men of Immanuel Church. It will be known as “**Breakfast with Pastor Jimmy.**” The location will be the Corner Coffee House at the corner of Florissant Road and Darst Road in Ferguson. The time will be 8:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month beginning on September 12. No reservations are required. Just show up for coffee and/or breakfast and join in the fellowship and conversation. Pastor Jimmy will respond to any questions that are on your mind.

ZION UCC IN FLORISSANT is having a Trivia Night on Saturday, Sept. 9. Play starts at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person or \$150 per table of 8. Any funds raised will go to charities they support i.e. Lydia’s House or Emmaus Houses. There will be a silent auction for baskets or other donations. Any questions, call Zion office at 314-741-1590.

ADVENTURE SEEKERS - On Thursday, September 14, the Adventure Seekers will be taking a tour (limited walking and elevator) of “Wings of Hope” at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield, MO. Following the tour, we will be eating lunch at Mimi’s Café also in Chesterfield. We **MUST** leave the church parking lot **PROMPTLY AT 9:45 A.M.** Please let Larry Priem, 314/921-0613 or the church office 314/521-7324 know by Tuesday, 9/12, if you plan to attend so the restaurant can plan for us.

RALLY DAY AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS is September 10th, we will have breakfast goodies, and present bibles to our 4th graders.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who participated in Demolition Ball. We had 6 youth from Immanuel, 2 from St. Peter’s UCC, and 2 from Zion Lutheran. Six adults joined in the fun as well. We had a fantastic time and our youth made some great connections with other youth in the area. We look forward to more shared activities in the future. Our next event is September 10th. We will have lunch, discussion, and prayer before heading to the Missouri History Museum. Hope you will join us!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT COLLECTIONS will begin next Sunday, September 10. Please bring your weekly donations to help feed the Ferg/Flor Middle School students on weekends during the school year.

CALLING FOR BASKETS AND BASKET FILLERS! The annual card party will be on October 12 and tickets will go on sale soon. We need baskets and items to fill those baskets brought to church now! Place your donations on the stage in Fell. Hall and thank you.

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.

Reading of Exodus 3:1-15

Special Music

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Wagner

Handbell Ensemble

Reading of Romans 12:9-21

Prayer of Confession

One: God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that:

All: Our love isn’t always genuine, we see evil and wring our hands instead of resisting it, we forget to consider more ways to serve you, we turn our back on strangers who could benefit from our hospitality, we do not pray enough for our enemies, we associate with our own kind, fearing the “other,” and we relish in fantasies of revenge.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Reading of Matthew 16:21-28

Hymn of Preparation

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

#609 (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

Sermon

“Marching Orders”

Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”)

Prayer Response.

“Living for Jesus”

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee,
For thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“Nearer My God To Thee”

