

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

January 27, 2019, The Third Sunday after Epiphany

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today.

Please note this is a scent free environment. (*please rise in body or spirit)

Prelude: "Herr Christ, Der Einig Gottes Sohn" - J. G. Walther

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn: VU #220 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Centering & Candle Lighting

**Invitation to Community*

One: We come to worship God

With thanksgiving and praise.

All: **For even when we feel trapped and overwhelmed**

God rescues us in love and faithfulness.

One: We come to worship God

With gratitude and wonder.

All: **For, every moment of our lives,**

God guides us and gives us strength.

One: Come, let us worship together!

Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have gathered us together on this day of opportunity.

We give you thanks that you welcome us and surround us with your healing love.

Open our ears that we may hear your word.

Open our mouths that we may speak your truth.

Open our hands that we might do your will.

For we long to be your people, in both word and deeds.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Candles of Joy and Concern

*Hymn: VU #343 "I Love To Tell the Story"

Worship with the Young at Heart

Preparation for proclamation: VU #82 "A Light is Gleaming"
**throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 6: 43-49

Reader: Carol Parnell

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Anthem: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

- arr. Jack Schrader

Reflection: "Transformed by God"

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne MacFarlane

*Hymn: VU #310 "God Who Touches Earth with Beauty"

Minute for Advocacy: Judy Amsbury

Offering: "Composition on a Plainsong"

- Jon Dunstable

**Hymn of Presentation: VU #227 For the Fruit of All Creation*

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,

for the truths that still confound us,

most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**Prayer of Dedication*

We stand before you, God, as your partners

in stewardship and thanksgiving,

in awe of your marvelous creation,

and in celebration of the unique gifts

that you have given each of us, young and old.

We pray that the gifts we bring today

will serve to reveal the glory of your handiwork

and the grace of your love in the lives of others. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful followed by Lord's Prayer

**Hymn: VU #589 "Lord Speak To Me"*

**Sending Forth*

One: Let us go from this time of worship,
Knowing that we live in God's world.

**All: It is a world full of God's creatures,
Kindred spirits with many gifts to share.**

One: Let us go in the loving embrace of the Spirit,
This day and always.

**Concluding Rite: VU #87 I Am the Light of the World*

"I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!"

**If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

Postlude: "Impromptu"

- Johann Ludwig Krebs

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Mary Anne MacFarlane

Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir

AV: Brian James

Sunday School: Sue Masters

Ushers & Greeters: Kathy Gillis, Joan Bark, Barb Cameron, Shirley Walton

Elevator: Kathy Gillis

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