



**Immanuel United Church of Christ  
Ferguson, Missouri  
January 22, 2023**

**Order of Worship**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany  
9:30 a.m.**

All hymns are from the Chalice Hymnal  
\* Please stand if you are able

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**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**      *“Surely the Presence of the Lord”*

**\*RINGING OF THE BELL and CHIMES**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Sarah Klasing**

We come to this place and time of worship as individual worshipers.

We come from north, south, east, and west.

We come as young adults, children, widows, families, single people,  
employed, retired, and somewhere between.

We come with diverse political and theological viewpoints.

We come with our unique perspectives on life and faith.

We come separate but are made one body by the love of Jesus Christ.

We are one today, tomorrow, and all the days ahead in Christ.

May this oneness be reflected in our worship today and our lives in the  
coming days.

**\*HYMN**

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

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**\*INVOCATION**

**Almighty God, through Jesus, You say that whoever wishes to be  
first must become the least and the servant of all. We enter into  
Your presence knowing that Your victory is won through the  
powerlessness of the cross. We come to pray that Your church  
may be one. Teach us to accept humbly that this unity is a gift of  
Your Spirit; through this gift, change and transform us and make  
us more like Your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.***

**READING OF ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12**

<sup>9</sup>Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their  
toil. <sup>10</sup>For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is  
alone and falls and does not have another to help. <sup>11</sup>Again, if two lie

together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup> And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

### **READING OF ROMANS 12:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Agnus Dei”  
Choral Quartet*

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### **READING OF 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers, and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers, and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God<sup>[d]</sup> that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### **PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

Through Your word, O Lord, open our hearts to hear You speak to us in a fresh way. Open us up to the message of Your love and acceptance of all people. May the seeds of Your word take root in our lives so that we might truly become part of Your Beloved Community, which encompasses all Your beloved children, wherever they may be. Amen



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- COFFEE & DONUTS will be served 9:00-9:30 a.m. and immediately after worship from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- DONUTS WITH PASTOR DEON – Today, after worship, Reception Room.
- WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Meeting today after worship.
- QUILTING – Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.
- PRAYER AND SHARE – Wednesday, Jan 25 at 10:00 a.m., Library.
- ATTENDANCE – Please sign and note your attendance in the black folder located in each pew, towards the center aisle.
- 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES – are available in the narthex. Please pick up your envelope for you and any family members.