



**September 19, 2021**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**WE GATHER IN SONG** ..... "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Music in the back of the bulletin*

**WE HEAR GOD'S CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Come, all who need help!

**People: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Come, all who desire blessing!

**People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation!

**People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.**

**WE AFFIRM GOD'S PRESENCE** ..... "Lord, You Are Welcome"

- 1. Lord, you are welcome in this place (3 times) ... Show us your way.***
- 2. Send your anointing in this place (3 times) ... Show us your way.***
- 3. Move by your Spirit in this place (3 times) ... Show us your way.***
- 4. Heal and deliver in this place (3 times) ... Show us your way.***

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**THE WORD FROM THE CHOIR**..... "Take My Life and Walk With Me"

**CENTERING OURSELVES IN PRAYER**

We listen now, O God, for your word.  
Let its message illumine our minds that we may will as Jesus willed.  
Let its spirit quicken our hearts that we may love as Jesus loved.  
Let its power speed our steps that we may do as Jesus did. Amen.

**THE WORD FROM THE EPISTLES** ..... James 1:17-27

**THE WORD FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW** .....Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**RESPONDING IN SONG** ..... “Grace Alone”

*Music in the back of the bulletin*

**RESPONDING IN PRAYER**

**RESPONDING IN A TIME OF REFLECTION WITH SPECIAL MUSIC**

**RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS**

Source of All Goodness, what can we give that has not already been given to us? Surely no gift of ours can repay your loving gift of Jesus Christ. Therefore we offer ourselves, with thanksgiving for new life in the Spirit, and place before you what we have as our response to your love. Use us in ways that fulfill your will, and bless what we give, so that others may learn of your ways. In Christ’s name, Amen.

**WE DEPART TO DO GOD’S WORK**

**WE SING TO GOD**..... “We All Are One in Mission”

*Music in the back of the bulletin*

**WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

Leader: We all are called for service to witness in God’s name.

**People: Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:**

Leader: To touch the lives of others with God’s surprising grace,

**People: So every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.**

## Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,  
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - er's arms, has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

## Grace Alone

*Unison*

C Dm7 C/E Am C/G G/F C Dm7 C/E Cmaj7/E

1 Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and  
 2 Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we

F G Am G/F F C/E F

step of faith; ev - ery dif - ference we will make  
 hope to teach; ev - ery - where we share his peace

Dm7 Gsus G C Dm7 C/E Am

is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery moun - tain  
 is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing

C/G G/F C Dm7 C/E Cmaj7/E F G

we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine;  
 word we say, ev - ery tear we wipe a - way;

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Am G/F F C/E F Dm7 Gsus G7

ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by his  
 ev - ery sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by his

*Refrain*  
 C C/E F G/B C C/E

grace.  
 grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies; strength un -

F G/B C C/E F E7/G#

known he will pro - vide. Christ in us, our cor - ner -

Am C/G Dm7 Gsus Fmaj7/G G7 C

stone, we will go forth in grace a - lone.

1 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for serv - ice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty:  
 4 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, our pur - pose is the same:  
 the au - thor of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm en - brace.  
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.



## **Announcements**

### **Alter Flowers**

This mornings alter flowers are from Bob Young, In memory of his brothers an sister.

**Search Committee Commissioning:** Next Sunday, September 26, we will prayerfully commission the Search Committee that will be embarking on identifying the best next settled pastor for Emmanuel.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP IN PAVILION**

With abundant sunshine and a beautiful morning forecast for [Sunday](#), and with the Covid trend lines still inching upward, we will again take advantage of being able to worship outdoors in the pavilion [this Sunday](#). Bring your lawn chairs as we worship God together.

### **Keep our Church Family in Prayer...**

Bette Benko, Bill Hunter, Bob Leibold, Betty Lewis, Jennifer Luf, Jim Phillips, Linda Polansky, and Judy Schwartz

### **Offering**

Over the next few weeks, EUCC will receive a special offering to be earmarked for the UCC's Disaster Relief efforts in the areas hard hit by Hurricane Ida earlier this week. Please consider a generous donation to help those in desperate need. Clearly mark that your donation is for disaster relief and put it in the offering basket, mail it to the church, or donate online at <https://euccvc.breezechms.com/give/online>, checking the box for "UCC Special Offering" to designate your gift for disaster relief.

### **Office Hours**

With some back to school changes, the office hours will now be Tuesday and Thursdays 8-4.