

## ***The Stained Glass Windows of Christ United Methodist Church***

Detailed descriptions of the window symbols and the meanings can be found in the text Symbol Windows at Christ Methodist Church by Lloyd Watt. Lloyd was the minister at Christ United Methodist Church when the windows were ordered and installed. After the installation, he preached 8 sermons, one on each window and the four symbols displayed. His book contains his interpretation of each symbol and its application to our Christian life. Although not published, 2 copies can be found in the CUMC library.

When Christ United Methodist Church was established from the union of Emmanuel and Elm Park Methodist Churches, a new building was built. Construction began in April 1953 and the sanctuary was completed and consecrated in June of 1954. St. Joseph Art Glass Works of St. Joseph, Missouri was chosen in January of 1954 to install 32 lights for the 8 “A” windows with an emblem in the center of each light. The emblems were chosen in February of 1954. Due to some delays, the work was not completed until August of 1954, missing the June consecration of the new sanctuary, but in time for the beginning of fall activities. The total price for the windows and installation was \$2490, including \$25 for switching the location of 2 emblems (mentioned below). We hope you enjoy the history and beauty of the stained glass in our sanctuary.

**Beginning at the front of the sanctuary  
on the east (left) side, bottom to top:**

1. Christmas Rose
2. Cross and Crown—The King Forever
3. Cross and Orb—Triumph of the Gospel
4. Butterfly—Eternal Life
5. Alpha with Cross
6. Creator's Star
7. Triangle—Holy, Holy, Holy
8. Omega with Cross
9. Ascending Dove
10. Seven Branched Candlestick
11. Nine Pointed Star—Fruits of the Spirit
12. Descending Dove
13. The Rock
14. Wheat and Tares
15. The Gospel Mill
16. The Vine

**Beginning at the front of the sanctuary  
on the west (right) side, bottom to top:**

17. Baptismal Font with Dove
18. Confirmation
19. Holy Matrimony
20. Grapes
21. Tablets of Law
22. Call of Moses
23. Ark of the Covenant
24. Open Bible
25. Matthew
26. Mark (originally Luke was placed here)
27. Luke (originally Mark was placed here)
28. John
29. Wheat and Rake
30. Scales of Justice
31. Beehive
32. Dove

The stained glass windows in the rear of the sanctuary (parlor) with the depictions of Jesus were salvaged for Emmanuel Methodist Church upon the construction of Christ United Methodist Church. Emmanuel met at 12th and T Streets in Lincoln from 1888 to 1952, after which they merged with Elm Park Methodist and formed Christ United Methodist Church.