

Welcome

Welcome to this sacred place of belonging where we embrace the sacredness of life and recognize the dignity of each person, spirit-filled with the image of God, the Mystery in whom we live and move and have our being.

Welcome to all who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts. Welcome to visitors and to new and old friends.

Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, youth, couples and single people.

Welcome to people of all colours, cultures, abilities, gender identities and sexual orientations.

Welcome to old and young, to believers and questioners – and welcome to questioning believers.

This day, we are all invited to live into God's love, peace and justice.



**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL
UNITED CHURCH
Order for Worship
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August
13, 2017**

The Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST AND AFFIRMING CANDLE

THE LIFE & WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

HYMN: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

VU #395

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

**You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.**

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

**God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family.**

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

**There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family.**

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

**There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family.**

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us gather our hearts and minds on this Sunday morning.

All: **Let us leave behind our busyness, worries and despair.**

One: Let us gather our hearts and minds on this sacred land.

All: **Let us sing hymns of praise and proclaim prayers of
thanksgiving.**

One: Let us gather our hearts and minds with all our brothers and
sisters in faith from around the world.

All: **Let us worship God together.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: O Holy One,

In good times or challenging ones, in chaotic moments or
restful ones, during joyful events or tearful ones, you are
always at our side. No matter where we go, you always find
us. No matter what we have done, you always love us. You
accept us as we truly are.

All: **Remind us of your ongoing presence in our lives and lead
us to reach out to those who look for companionship and
support in this world. We ask in the name of Jesus the**

Christ. Amen.

Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Waiting

VU #117

**Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.**

**Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.**

**Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.**

**Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard, let me dance with you.**

**Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.**

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

MEDITATION MUSIC

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Proclaiming the Word of God

FIRST READING: THE BOOK OF GENESIS 37: 1-4, 12-28

Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers.

PSALM 105 (PARTS 1 AND 2)

VU #828

Refrain: Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!

Give thanks and call on God's name.

Make known to the nations what God has done.

**Sing, O sing the songs of praise;
tell of all God's wonderful deeds.**

Exult in God's holy name;

let those who seek God be joyful in heart.

Turn for help to the One who is your strength;
seek God's presence continually.

**Remember the marvels the Most High has done,
the wonders and judgements God has given,
O children of Abraham and Sarah, God's servants,*
O offspring of Israel, chosen of God.**

You are the eternal God,

your justice reaches every corner of the earth.

You are ever mindful of your covenant,

the promise you gave to a thousand generations,

**the covenant you made with Sarah and Abraham,
the oath you gave to Isaac.**

You confirmed it for Jacob as binding.

To Israel your everlasting covenant you declared,

**'To you I give the land of Canaan,
as your appointed inheritance.'**

You called down famine on the land,
and cut off the supply of bread.

**But you sent one ahead of them,
Joseph, whom they had sold as a slave.**

His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck collared with iron;

**until his predictions came true, your word tested
him.**

Then the king sent and released him,
the ruler of nations set him free.

**He made Joseph master of his house,
ruler of all his possessions,
to correct his officials at will,
to teach his counsellors wisdom.**

Refrain: Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 11: 2-11
John the Baptist sends messengers to ask Jesus: Are you the one we are waiting for?

SOLO: “O Saviour, Hear Me” (adaptation by Dudley Buck,
Julie Henderson arranged from Gluck)

SERMON

HYMN: *Christ Has No Body Now but Yours* MV #171

**Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.**

**No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
No hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope
Of the people of God.**

**No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
To find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
No eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy
Of the city of God.**

**No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
To walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace
for the children of God.**

**Through every gift, give back to those in need:
As Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
With every gift a benediction,
be to the people of God.**

Responding with Prayer & Thanksgiving

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN: PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

VU #541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SOLO BY JULIE HENDERSON
Malotte)

(arr. Albert Hay

HYMN: *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* VU #507

**Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make ploughshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.**

**God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
we sow not peace but strife,
our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.**

**Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,**

**a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.**

**May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSING

POSTLUDE

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Ecumenical Prayer Partner: Through every week of the year, our prayers affirm our solidarity with neighbours all over the world. This week we pray for Canada and the USA.