



**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL
UNITED CHURCH
May 8, 2022
Easter 4**

As we meet together, we begin by remembering the Algonquin People on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants and animals, through many generations. We bear witness to the ongoing suffering caused by historical injustices and commit to seeking right relations today.

The Gathering

Prelude: *For This Child (a dedication song)* by Ken Blount
Adriana Trejo, Jim Lamb

The Life & Work of our Community of Faith

Lighting of the Christ and Affirming Candles

We light the Christ candle to symbolize the presence of Christ's Spirit, alive within us, this day and every day.

We light the Affirm candle to proclaim to the members of the LGBTQ2SIA+ communities and their allies that they are truly welcomed and accepted in this place.

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, 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.

Hymn: *She Comes Sailing on the Wind (She Flies On)*

VU 380

**She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.**

**Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.**

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts
found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on.

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would
never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace.

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Call to Worship

The Good Shepherd has guided us to this place

To hear a Word of hope

To discover a new direction

To live with passion in a world of need

Prayer of Approach: Loving God, we come seeking abundant life. The deariness of winter infuses our soul and we need your light and love to lift us from sorrow and despair, to a vision of a new way of being. Guide us this day with the gentleness of a good shepherd. In Jesus' name, we ask and pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn: *Water Flowing from the Mountains*

MV 87

Refrain:

Water flowing from the mountains.

**Water flowing o'er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.**

**Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings,
And living water brings the love
that makes our spirit grow.**

Refrain:

**Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free.**

**Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings,
And living water brings the love
that makes our spirit grow.**

Refrain:

**Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water for each one.**

**Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings,**

**And living water brings the love
that makes our spirit grow.**

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: John 10: 1 - 10

**Anthem: *A Morning Prayer* by Mary Kay Beall
EUC Senior Choir**

Sermon: "Jesus, my Mentor"

Quiet Reflection and Prayers

**Hymn: *The Lord's My Shepherd*
VU 747**

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me,
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.**

We Respond to God's Word

Offering

Minute for Mission: Tribute to Mothers- Erika Langner

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,**

for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God*
VU 236

**Now thank we all our God, with heart,
and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: *One Great Spirit (Wakantanka)* by Kathleen Wissinger
Emmanubells

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