



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Creation Time 2

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023**

Land Acknowledgement

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

Gathering Music: *Your Love Is Amazing (Hallelujah)* MV 26

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, siblings, 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: *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker*

MV 30

Call to Worship:

Come into worship, remembering the land.

We remember the place where we drew our first breath.

Come and worship, acknowledging the lands and places.

which have and continue to break open the gift of God's presence.

Come into worship, trusting and anticipating those places where God may yet bring you.

We come into worship, companioned by these lands of origin and revelation of hope.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Approach:

In holy presence we gather:

We come with the land –

Pebbles strewn, sweeping fields, craggy mountains, time-worn valleys as those who draw life from God.

We lift our voice with the voice of the land:

seeking from God what makes for life,

crying out for the violence that has been done,

longing and working for creation's redemption.

We listen with the land for vibrations of God's presence,

grounding all in the deep assurance that God is and will be in this place. Amen.

(Children come forward while the song is played)

Hymn: *Circle Song*

Come and join the circle,
come and take my hand.

Gather round and see
what the world can be.

Come and join the circle,
come and be my friend.

Come and join the circle,
come and share God's word with me.

Sharing Time with All God's Children – read by Val Lines

Hymn: *Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary*

MV 18

(Children leave for Sunday School)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Anthem: *You Are Known*

- Martin/Sorenson

**Sermon: *Forgiveness: the Mysterious and Marvelous Journey
(with God)***

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: *River*

MV 3

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication:

O God, we thank you for these gifts. Multiply them and enable the work of love and the righteousness of your kingdom in the world. We thank you and praise you. Amen.

Prayers

Lord's Prayer (a paraphrase)

VU 916

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Parent of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and
come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In the times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Sending Forth

Hymn: *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

MV 212

Commissioning:

May we walk gently and be close enough to hear when Creator speaks.

May we drink in the rain and be nurtured by the critters around and within us.

May the sun and wind befriend us and may we be held forever in God.

Blessing

Postlude

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Resources adapted for this morning's service of worship:

Kimberly Bracken Long, "Proper 19," *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, volume 2: Trinity Sunday Through Reign of Christ*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, p.p. 158-161.

Seasons of the Spirit: SeasonsFUSION, Season of Creation, Pentecost 2 2011, p.p. 27-38.

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No Scents Makes Good Sense

Emmanuel United Church provides a scent-free environment.

Please avoid wearing or using scented products as some individuals have environmental sensitivities.

Welcome to Emmanuel! If you are a newcomer or visitor we invite you to sign our **Guest Book** and join us in a time of fellowship in the CE Hall following worship.

Thank you to the production team, ushers, lay reader and coffee hosts for bringing us today's worship service and coffee and conversation time.

Thank you to Val Lines for reading the children's story.



Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Potluck dinner and social time with Pastor Miguel Tomas Castro, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel (IBE)

Please complete the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Keith Jeacle at k.jeacle@outlook.com or Jim Lamb at jimlamb17@gmail.com if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

October Life & Work packet deadline is noon on Monday, September 24.



Food Bank & School Supply Sunday, Monday Drive-Thru Drop Off - On Monday, September 25th between 2:00 to 3:30 PM.

Bring your donation of food, diapers etc. but especially school supplies. For a complete list, please see the September Life & Work packet.





Canning Workshop: Savory Green Tomato Relish

Saturday, October 14, 1-4pm in our church kitchen.

Learn the canning process start to finish, join in this group activity to prepare Relish for the Bazaar and go home with your own jar! Emma Dowd will lead us through the steps.

6 spaces available. Contact Brenda Ashe 613-738-7783

Call for Green Tomatoes: If you have green tomatoes in your garden for our green Relish please clean them, bag or put in container and freeze. Contact Brenda Ashe 613-738-7783

The 8 week study on Reading the Bible Again for the First Time Starts: Wed. Sept 27th from 7-8:30. on zoom

To sign up and get the Zoom Link: Sign up on the bulletin board opposite the C.E. Hall, or call or email Jill Maclean or Bill MacLeish



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 17		
Worship	10:00am-11:00am	Sanctuary
Coffee & Conversation	11:00am	C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Monday, September 18		
Christian Meditation	7:00pm-8:00pm	Zoom
Tuesday, September 19		
Tai Chi	9:00am-12:00pm	C.E. Hall
Coffee Time	10:00am	Zoom
Quilting	10:00am-3:00pm	Room 7, 9/10
Executive of Council	7:00pm	C.E. Hall
Wednesday, September 20		
Active Artists	10:00am-2:00pm	Room 9/10
Voices Rock Medicine	7:30pm-9:30pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, September 21		
Tai Chi	9:30am-12:00pm	C.E. Hall
Discussion Group	10:00am-11:30am	Zoom
Pastoral Care	10:00am	Room 24
Al-Anon	7:30pm-9:00pm	C.E. Hall
Emmanubells	6:00pm-7:30pm	Sanctuary
Choir	7:30pm-9:00pm	Sanctuary
Friday, September 22		
Take Time to be Wholely	10:30am-11:30am	C.E. Hall
Saturday, September 23		
Global Partners Fall Festival		
Potluck Dinner	3:00pm-5:00pm 6:00pm	Parking Lot C.E. Hall/Kitchen