



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Creation Time 3

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 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: *For the Fruit of All Creation*

VU 227

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.

Special Music: *Diversion*
Emmanubells *Director: Maggie Park*

by Jason W. Krug

Hymn: *New Every Morning*

VU 405

Call to Worship:

God hears our cries.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God laughs with us.

Give thanks to the Lord.

Remember what God does.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God does miracles and remembers the covenant.

We give thanks to the Lord.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Approach:

O God who knows our every need before we can even ask, you provide all our needs and some of our wants. You bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us, for the glory of your name. 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 Ellen Brohman

Hymn: *I Am Walking a Path of Peace (Love, Hope, Joy)*

MV 221

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Special Music: *Psalm of Gratitude*

by Jason W. Krug

Emmanubells *Director: Maggie Park*

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: Acts 4:5-20

**Anthem: What I Wouldn't Do
JAM**

Words and Music by Serena Ryder,
Jerrod Bettis, and Leela Gilday.

Sermon: Witness of Jesus for Faith and Hope in the Kingdom

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: *Shadow and Substance*

MV 44

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication:

Creator, Giver of all good gifts, thank you for the resources gathered here. Use these gifts for the advancement of your kingdom; in Jesus' name we pray. 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 (Spanish/English)*

MV 212

Commissioning:

Blessing

Threefold Amen

**Choral Postlude: *Somos Unos en Espiritu/They'll Know We are
Christians by our Love***

- St. Brendans, Peter

Scholtes, translation by Federico J. Pagura

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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:

Emmanubells: Directed by Maggie Park

Children's Story: Ellen Brohman

JAM Director: Jim Lamb

JAM: Theresa Clarke, Bob Gander, Mark Harris, Michael Harris, Amanda Jamieson, Kirsten Jeacle, Jim Lamb, Tom Miner, Eka Zahinda, Loli Zahinda, Sifa Zahinda.

Choral Postlude: Manuel Aquino, Adán Benitez, Gabriela Castro, Rafa Cañas, Mario Mata Cardona, Rev. Larry Doyle, Cynthia Swinden Doyle, Michael Harris, Jim Lamb, Alex Price, Rev. Wanda Stride, Rev. Peter Woods

We welcome to the pulpit this morning, Pastor Miguel Tomás Castro. Pastor Miguel Tomás Castro has been the minister at our partner church, Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel in San Salvador, El Salvador, for over 40 years. He is a respected ecumenical leader in El Salvador and Latin America and a persistent actor for peace, truth, and reconciliation. A partner of The United Church of Canada, Emmanuel Baptist works with children, youth, and adults to build a culture of peace and protect the country's environment and scarce water resources. Emmanuel Baptist has deep, long-term relationships with United Church congregations in Ottawa and Belleville.

October Life & Work packet deadline is **tomorrow**.

Reminder: Emmanuel Café tonight (Sunday, September 24, 2023) at 7:00 pm in the CE Hall. Come and hear about the experiences of the 2023 pilgrimage to Haida Gwaii, an Emmanuel ministry of reconciliation.

September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, originally and still colloquially known as Orange Shirt Day. We encourage everyone to wear orange next Sunday, October 1, 2023, to acknowledge the impact that residential schools have had on multiple generations of Indigenous families. "Every Child Matters".



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.

The 8 week study on Reading the Bible Again for the First Time

Starts: Wed. Sept 27th from 7-8:30pm 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

Communion – Next Sunday, October 1 we will be celebrating World Communion. The offering will be dedicated to our beloved partner congregation and our shared project, Camp Chipembi. The Chipembi congregation of the United Church of Zambia works with others to provide a Girls Secondary School, an Agricultural College, a Rural Health Center and Basic School to meet the needs of a vast rural area. Camp Chipembi is a week long Christian day camp for 100 children, led by youth and young adults from Emmanuel and the Chipembi congregations. It is a global international learning and faith formation opportunity which we are privileged to support through this offering.



Belated Happy 104th Birthday to Norma McKnight. Norma celebrated this milestone last Sunday, September 17th.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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| Sunday, September 24 | | |
| Worship | 10:00am-11:00am | Sanctuary |
| Coffee & Conversation | 11:00am | C.E. Hall/Kitchen |
| Emmanuel Café | 7:00pm | C.E. Hall |
| Monday, September 25 | | |
| Food Bank Drop-off | 2:00pm-3:30pm | Front Doors |
| Christie Lake Kids | 4:00pm-8:00pm | C.E. Hall/Kitchen Room 9/10 |
| Christian Meditation | 7:00pm-8:00pm | Zoom |
| Tuesday, September 26 | | |
| Tai Chi | 9:00am-12:00pm | C.E. Hall |
| Coffee Time | 10:00am | Zoom |
| Quilting | 10:00am-3:00pm | Room 7, 9/10 |
| Wednesday, September 27 | | |
| Active Artists | 10:00am-2:00pm | Room 9/10 |
| Bible Study | 7:00pm-8:30pm | Zoom |
| Teleos | 7:00pm-8:30pm | Zoom |
| Voices Rock Medicine | 7:30pm-9:30pm | Sanctuary |
| Thursday, September 28 | | |
| Tai Chi | 9:30am-12:00pm | C.E. Hall |
| Discussion Group | 10:00am-11:30am | Zoom |
| Al-Anon | 7:30pm-9:00pm | C.E. Hall |
| Emmanubells | 6:00pm-7:30pm | Room 9/10 |
| Choir | 7:30pm-9:00pm | Sanctuary |
| Friday, September 29 | | |
| Take Time to be Wholely | 10:30am-11:30am | C.E. Hall |
| Saturday, September 30 | | |
| NMRA | 9:00am-5:00pm | C.E. Hall |