



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Community-Led Service
The Music that Moves Us
April 28, 2024

The Gathering

Gathering Music

Goodness of God

Video by CeCe Winans
By Ed Cash, Ben Fielding,
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and Jenn Johnson

Acknowledging the Territory

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked this land, weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land. We acknowledge that we are on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people. May we grow into living with respect on this land, moving into reconciliation through peace and friendship with all who live, work and worship on it.

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.

Responsive Welcome

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, siblings, 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. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn:

Come Let Us Sing

VU 222

Opening Prayer

Loving God,

Thank you for the sounds of life:

the chatter of the squirrel,

the deep purr of a cat,

the sharp calls of a blue jay,

the sound of someone we love laughing.

Give us wisdom to enter this day with good sounds,

tones and pitches and words that affirm, encourage, cherish,

our sounds affecting the world in a positive way.

We pray for all who sing a sad song today;

the grieving, the lonely, the lost.

We pray especially for those who have lost their voice and feel silenced or oppressed.

There are many singing freedom songs around our world, and so today we pray for the safety of these singers.

Give their song the strength to convince and convert, the power to ward off war.

There are too many war songs,

we don't want to hear another one.

You are the Great Composer .

We long to be composed each day in your image,

singing your elegant score truly, clearly,

following your rhythm by heart,

finding our voice in your beautiful world.

Hearing you in the music of life.

This is our prayer. Amen.

(Children come forward while the song is played)

Hymn: *Circle Song*

Come and join the circle, come and take my hand.
Come and join the circle, come and be my friend.
Gather round and see, what the world can be.
Come and join the circle, come and share God's word with me.

Children's Message: *Max Had Two Sticks*

By Brian Pinkney

Hymn: *Like a Rock*

MV 92

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture *Psalm 150*

Anthem *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

By John Rutter

Message *The Music That Moves Us*

Chrispin Zahinda's Reflection

Hymn: *Comment Ne pas Te Louer*

By Père Aurélien Bollevis Saniko

Ellen Brohman's Reflection

Jean Hodgins's Reflection

Hymn: *Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name*

VU 426

Ashley Roy's Reflection

Hymn: *It Only Takes a Spark*

VU 289

Joan Foster-Jones's Reflection

Hymn: *Make A Joyful Noise*

VU 820

Offering Invitation

Look around us today, at this gathering. We are a community of people who want to follow Jesus. No matter what we are carrying this morning, or what we face, we are not alone. At this moment in our worship, we're invited to share what we have so that others will find the same welcome, and the same joy that we have known. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Offertory Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we offer these gifts and those given through PAR or online. May they show our love for your world, for our world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn:

Dance With the Spirit

MV 156

Blessing

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Sing

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:00 AM-4:00PM

Our Lay Reader today is Myrna Lamb. Thank you for your part in our worship service this morning. If you would like to be a lay reader in the future, email Janet Campbell at jicampbell@hotmail.com.

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

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.

Join our **Zoom Coffee Time** on Tuesday and join the discussion! This session we ask: *As we move forward into spring and anticipate summer, what are you looking forward to in the coming days?*

You are invited on April 29th at 6:00 pm in the church basement to join with volunteers from the ***Go with The Flow*** charity as they assemble reusable menstrual care kits. Contact Bill McLeish for more info, bill3alex@gmail.com.

Would you like Offering Envelopes? Offering envelopes provide many benefits - convenience, privacy (unique envelope #, no name) and more importantly ease of recording of donations for an Income Tax receipt at year end. To order, please speak with Keith Jeacle, Envelope Secretary or email envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca .

Take part in Emmanuel's **Day Pilgrimage** "*No One Stands Alone*" on **Wed. May 8th 9:45-2:00** (the rain date is May 15th). At **Vincent Massey Park**. To Register, or for more information add your name to the sign up sheet opposite the CE hall, or contact either Irene (ijsb47@gmail.com) or Jill (halifaxmaclean@gmail.com)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28 Worship Coffee and Conversation JAM	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall/Kitchen Sanctuary
Monday, April 29 Take Time to be Wholely Christie Lake Kids Go With the Flow Christian Meditation	10:30 am - 11:30 am 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm 6:00 pm - 8:30pm 7:00 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall/Kitchen Room 9/10 Zoom
Tuesday, April 30 Tai Chi Quilting Coffee Time Coffee	9:30 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am - 3:00 pm 10:00 am -11:00 am 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	C.E. Hall Rm 7, 9/10 Zoom Three Sisters
Wednesday, May 1 Women’s Group Active Artists Voices Rock Medicine	11:00 am - 2:00 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Lounge C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Thursday, May 2 Tai Chi Discussion Group Emmanubells Al-Anon	9:30 am – 11:30 pm 10:00 am - 11:30 am 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Friday, May 3 Take Time to be Wholely Rainbow Hub	10:30 am - 11:30 am 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Saturday, May 4		