



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 7, 2024

The Gathering

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.

Gathering Music: *Let Us Build a House* *MV 1*

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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

VU 357

Call to Worship

Jesus was rejected

by his friends, by his family, by his hometown.

But Jesus created trust

for his disciples, for the community, for the world.

In the midst of rejection, let us build acceptance:

for our children, for our community, for ourselves.

Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, you welcome us always and everywhere. No matter how we might feel about ourselves and our place in the world, you open your door and throw your arms open. As we strive to ensure that we help one another to feel loved and included by you, may we always share that sense of joy and welcome with all. Always. 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:

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

MV 18

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture

Mark 6:1-13

*It's time for another rest for Jesus and his disciples in their ministry.
This time, they visit Nazareth where Jesus grew up.*

Special Music

Meditation:

Kin Rejected for Faith

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn:

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

VU 560

Offering Invitation

Let us bear witness to the love of God by presenting our offerings of thanksgiving.

Offertory Prayer

God of grace, receive these gifts we bring. May we use them to break down walls of misunderstanding and open wide doors that tell everyone: "You are loved and you are welcome in God's sight. Always." 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:

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

MV 212

Commissioning

Go out into God's world with a commitment to make others feel loved and welcomed.

We know that we ourselves are loved and welcomed by God who has called us by name and knows us by heart.

Blessing

Threefold Amen

Postlude

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OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY – THURSDAY 9:00 AM-2:00PM

Our Lay Reader today is Jill MacLean. 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 hospitality hosts for bringing us today's worship service and refreshments following the service.

Thank you to Thomas Annand for sharing his musical talent with us this morning.

Emmanuel Summer Office Hours are now in effect, the Office will be open from 9 am to 2:00 pm Tuesday-Thursday.

Emmanuel is hosting Camp Awesome the week of July 8-12. Egg cartons and sticks 3-4 feet long have been requested as supplies for camp crafts. Please leave these with Emma in the office to be passed on to Amelia

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.

For our next **Tuesday ZOOM** our discussion topic is *what historical event has happened in your lifetime that you would call challenging, momentous, concerning...*

Pilgrim In Mission | August 20 – August 31, 2024 | Young Adults (ages 18-35) Closing Date: 2024-07-09 The United Church of Canada is seeking one young adult (ages 18-35) to participate in the Consultation on Human Sexuality and Gender Diversity being held in Maputo, Mozambique in partnership with AATEEA – All Africa Theological Education by Extension Association, a United Church of Canada global partner. The consultation will bring together 30 – 50 faith leaders from various denominations from the African region, local LGBTQIA+ community members, as well as representatives from other global ecumenical partners. This is a Pilgrims in Mission opportunity offered through the United Church's People in Partnership program.

Contact Jim Lamb for more details. jimlamb17@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 7 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Monday, July 8 Christian Meditation	7:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, July 9 Office Closed Tai Chi Coffee Time	9:30 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am	Office Closed C.E. Hall Zoom
Wednesday, July 10 Women's Group Active Artists Voices Rock Medicine	9:00 am – 12:00 pm 11:00 am – 2:00 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Lounge Room 9/10 Sanctuary
Thursday, July 11 Tai Chi Al-Anon	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Friday, July 12 Rainbow Hub	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Saturday, July 13		