



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 14, 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: *And on This Path* *MV 8*

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:

Dance with the Spirit

MV 156

Verse two "move," verse three "sing"

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord,

calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

We enter into God's new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, parent of us all,

we come to you this morning in awe of the human family – a great collection of all shapes and sizes and ages and ideas, somehow wondrously brought together by your love and spirit.

As we go about our daily living, remind us of the joys and challenges of being a part of this family. 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:

Grant

Hymn:

Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary

MV 18

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture

2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19
David brings the ark to Jerusalem

Mark 6:14-29
The Death of John the Baptist

Special Music

Meditation: God's Grace Draws us Near and Keeps us Together

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: *This is God's Wondrous World* **VU 296**

Offering Invitation

Consider what God has given to us in Jesus Christ;
remember that, even now, the Holy Spirit dwells in us;
rejoice that we are part of God's plan for all time.
Let us present our offerings of thanksgiving.

Offertory Prayer

**Gracious triune God,
We thank you for the suffering love of Jesus Christ,
and for your presence with us
in times of joy and sorrow,
sickness and health,
faithfulness and brokenness.
We bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude
and as tools in the ministry of the church.
Use them and us to make known the good news
of your healing love and renewing power,
in the name of Jesus Christ. 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: *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection* *VU 586*

Commissioning

Our partners
 we will cherish.

Our makers
 we will respect.

Our sisters and brothers
 we will celebrate.

Our children
 we will love.

Our friends
 we will share.

To our enemies
 we will listen.

Ourselves
 we will honour.

Our God
 we will praise.

Go forth, family of God!
 Amen.

Blessing

Threefold Amen

Postlude

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

Our Lay Reader today is Bob Frederking. 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 Phil Burness for sharing his musical talent with us this morning.

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; *With all of the attention given to Joe Biden's 'age' in the media, our conversation will focus on 'ageism.' Do you think societal attitudes towards older people have changed positively or negatively? What would you say is the most rewarding experience in aging?*

A Bridal Shower for Marjie Sams will be held at Emmanuel on July 27th from 1-4pm. Please RSVP to emily.sams@live.ca if you plan to attend and share any dietary restrictions you might have. Marjorie is registered with Hitchd (hitchd.com/marjorieandpatrick) but everyone's presence and well wishes are the best presents of all.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 14 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Monday, July 15 Christian Meditation Camp Chipembi Orientation	7:00 pm 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Zoom Rm 9/10
Tuesday, July 16 Tai Chi Coffee Time	9:30 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am	C.E. Hall Zoom
Wednesday, July 17 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 18 Tai Chi Pastoral Care Al-Anon	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall Library C.E. Hall
Friday, July 19		
Saturday, July 20		