



# WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 21, 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:**                    *Draw the Circle Wide*                    *MV 145*

### **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:**

*Your Love is Amazing*

*MV 26*

### **Call to Worship**

All parents and guardians, siblings, family and friends,

**Jesus makes us one.**

Young and old, liberal and conservative, 2SLGBTQIA+,

**Jesus makes us one.**

Soldier and pacifist, secular and religious, sinner and saint,

**Jesus makes us one.**

Let us worship God who calls us into unity.

**Let us worship God.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Gracious and Loving God, we bring to you our prayers this day. There is conflict all around us – in the church, in the community, in the world. Yet we know that in the midst of all this we find your spirit, turning sadness into compassion, mistrust into relationship and confusion into hope. Guide us as we celebrate our unity this day and give voice to all our joys and concerns. We pray in Christ's name. 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:**

*Christine*

**Hymn:**

*I Am Walking a Path of Peace*

*MV 221*

*(Children leave for Sunday school)*

***We Listen to God's Word***

## Scripture

**2 Samuel 7:1-14**  
*God's Promise to David*

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**  
*Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand & After Jesus Walks on Water*

## Special Music

**Meditation: Called to a Curve (Dynasty vs. Sanctuary)**

## Quiet Reflection and Prayer

**Hymn: *Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me* *VU 637***

## Offering Invitation

Unless God builds the house, those who build labour in vain. God gives rest to the weary and sleep for his beloved. Let us present offerings of thanksgiving, without fear or anxiety about anything, for God provides for us.

## Offertory Prayer

**Almighty God, enthroned in eternity;  
crucified and risen Christ, dwelling in heaven and with your  
people; powerful Holy Spirit, bringing life and truth;  
we thank you for calling us when we had no hope and for  
crowning us with salvation.**

**We thank you for enriching our lives with all that is good and  
for providing for us in times of trial.**

**Make us ever more mindful  
of the blessings you grant us each day;  
deepen our trust in your love and mercy.**

**Increase our thanksgiving by guiding our offerings to help  
others in need.**

**Unite us all in a community of thanksgiving,  
always glorifying you,**

**O Holy Trinity, now and forever. 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:**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

*VU 626*

**Commissioning**

God grant you peace in your sleeping and waking;

**May Christ fill us with joy in our working and playing:**  
the Holy Spirit drive you with passion in your love for God.

**Blessing**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

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

***Our Lay Readers today are Christina Clark-Kazak and Anahita Kazak.***

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](mailto: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*** Abi for sharing your 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; *Words matter; how violent language can trigger extreme responses.*

Ron and Annemarie MacDonald celebrate the birth of their first grandchild! Their daughter Joanna and son-in-law Corey welcome Norah Rae who was born on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Nancy and Keith Jeacle and Joan and Bert Reveler on the birth of their granddaughter/great-granddaughter, Maeve Yvonne. Maeve was born on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to parents Brett and Michelle. Everyone is over the moon!

A Bridal Shower for Marjie Sams will be held at Emmanuel on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. Please RSVP to [emily.sams@live.ca](mailto: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](https://hitchd.com/marjorieandpatrick)) but everyone's presence and well wishes are the best presents of all.

On Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>, buy **Grocery Cards** to support our community after church!

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, July 21</b> Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall/Kitchen
<b>Monday, July 22</b> Christian Meditation	7:00 pm	Zoom
<b>Tuesday, July 23</b> Tai Chi Coffee Time	9:30 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am	C.E. Hall Zoom
<b>Wednesday, July 24</b> 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
<b>Thursday, July 25</b> Tai Chi Al-Anon	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
<b>Friday, July 26</b> Teleos Garden Picnic Conference Setup	11:30 am 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Garden/C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
<b>Saturday, July 27</b> Newcomers to Canada Leadership Conference Bridal Shower Marjie Sams	7:00 am – 7:00 pm 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	C.E. Hall Lounge