



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Youth Service
November 17, 2024

The Gathering

Acknowledging the Territory

Eka Zahinda

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

Amelia Brohman

Lighting of the Christ and Affirming Candles

Robert Sims

We light the Christ candle to celebrate the Universal Love in Creation.

We light the Affirm candle as a sacred celebration of the wide diversity of sexual expression in all sentient beings, with earthworms, penguins, and humanity as examples.

Opening Video:

You've Got a Friend in Me

by Randy Newman

Stewardship Testimony:

Phil English

Responsive Welcome

Welcome

Amelia Brohman

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.

Call to Worship:*

Iga Kurzydlo

What does the Lord require of us?

**To seek justice,
to love kindness,
and walk humbly with our God.**

Who are we called to be?

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others.**

Why do we gather for worship?

**We gather as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort, and
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.**

Let us worship God together!

Opening Prayer:

Iga Kurzydlo

**God of all people,
we praise you for each other,
we praise you for the gift of human diversity.
In this moment of worship, we ask for open hearts and receptive
minds as we explore what it means to be an ally.
May your presence among us inspire us to embody your love,
compassion and courage in all our relationships.
Amen**

Video:

Introduction **Ellen Brohman**
What is Intersectionality? *By Kimberle Crenshaw*

Hymn:

Spirit, Open My Heart **MV 79**

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

Latisha Joseph

**Micah 6:1-8
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

(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:

Amelia Brohman

Video:

The Importance of Being an Ally

Hymn:

I'm Going To Live So God Can Use Me

VU 575

Musical Offering:

Remind Me Who I Am

JAM

By Jason Gray

Arr. By Dan Galbraith and Erik Foster

Reflection:

The Cost of Allyship

Ellen Brohman

Hymn:

What Does the Lord require of You?

VU 701

Offering Invitation:

Val Lines

We are all members of God's family. We share our gifts with those who are in need of what we have, and we receive gifts we need from those who share them with us. Let us respond collectively, as a loving family does, as we make our offerings.

Offertory Prayer:**

God of plenty,

Bless the gifts given, and the ones who gave.

May our circle of giving and receiving draw us close,

With each one's gift cherished and each one's needs met.

Amen

A Time to Pray Together:

Christine Hywarren

Quiet Reflection and Personal Prayer:

Kindness

By Steven Curtis Chapman

Reading:

Ally: A Poem

Val Lines

By Pennie A. Nichols

I cannot truly stand in your shoes.
I can stand at your side
to face the rise and fall of the sun,
stand firm with you as the shadows drift,
hold space for you as you ground in your light.
I cannot know what it is to stand in your shoes,
but I can stand with you.

I cannot imagine what it is to be in your shoes.
I can listen to the crunch
of the twigs and pebbles beneath your soles,
the stories of the paths you've walked,
the creak of the leather as it bends with the bones of your feet.
I can never know being in those shoes,
but I can listen to you.

I cannot know what it is to walk in your shoes.
I can teeter behind you
along the fallen trunk to cross the chasm,
through the bramble that litters your path,
stepping high over the patches of briars and berries.
I will never walk in your shoes,
but I can walk with you.

I cannot know the shoes on your feet.
But I can sit with you,
our weary feet beneath the table,
where we share stories of callouses and recovery,
blisters born of rough edges, tender arches protected by thick soles.
I cannot know your shoes, nor you mine,
but we can share our hearts.

Benediction:

Rev. Grant Stuckless

Postlude

Best Friend

JAM

By Josh Baldwin

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Portions of this service of worship have been adapted from a couple of different resources

* *(from Bread Not Stones worship service, Wesley-Knox United Church in London, ON, 2016)*

***(from binarybreakingworship.com)*

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Emmanuel provides a scent-free environment. Please avoid wearing or using scented products as some individuals have environmental sensitivities.

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:00 AM-4:30PM

Thank you to all of the youth and members of Christian Development for your role in the worship service this morning.

Thank you to the production team, ushers, lay reader 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.

Every Thursday in November, at 11am, you are invited to attend a **Neighbourhood Bible Study**, a joint project between Emmanuel, St. Aidan's and Martin Luther Churches. This week's meeting is at Martin Luther.

Lunch and Learn, November 18 at noon at Emmanuel. Speakers from the Canadian Food Grains Bank will be at Emmanuel to share the work they are doing to respond to World Hunger and how we can be part of the solution.

Join our **Tuesday Zoom Coffee and Conversation.** The theme to inspire conversation next Tuesday is "STUFF." We will talk about the things we hold to and the stuff we just can't get rid of. Here are some questions for us to think about: What's the weirdest or most random thing you've kept over the years? And why do you still have it? What's one piece of 'stuff' you could never part with, no matter how much it might not make sense to anyone else? Email publicity@emmanuelunited.ca for the Zoom link.



The Thursday Morning Discussion Group is now looking at the Hebrew Bible, using lectures by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine as a starting point. Contact Evelyn Perkins (perkeve@hotmail.com) or any Heretics member for further information and links to the lectures and to the Zoom meeting.

A **Baby Shower** for Kristine Solvason-Pastuch and Brandon Edwards will be held on **Saturday, November 23rd from 1-3pm** in the C.E. Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact Joyce White or Lynn Solvason.

Zambia Pilgrimage Information Session, Global Partners is planning a potential pilgrimage to Zambia to visit the Chipembi congregation and our United Church partners in 2025. If you are interested in learning more, please come to our information session after church on Sunday, *November 24th, 2024*.

Thanks to the members of JAM for their musical offering today: Jah'Mari Currie, Jureem Currie, Bob Gander, Kirsten Jeacle, Nancy Jeacle, Amanda Jameison, Jim Lamb, Ann McNamee, Tom Miner, Ben Ndanze, Eka Zahinda, Landa Zahinda, & Sifa Zahinda

Emmanuel will be celebrating **communion on December 1st**. Our Communion Offerings are dedicated to programs beyond our congregation, locally and internationally. Our next offering will go to a unique Ottawa program: orKIDstra, which brings music to young people who would otherwise be deprived of the chance to make music. Music can be such a source of joy and inspiration, but many don't have money for instruments or lessons. The orKIDstra motto is "Changing Children's Lives through Music: empowering kids, building community." Kids in five "equity-deserving" communities are given opportunities to play and sing together. Instruments and lessons are provided, as well as lots of choral experiences. Theresa Clarke, our own recently retired music director, speaks enthusiastically about "this wonderful program" in which many of her colleagues are teachers. It is a great source of joy to hundreds of kids -and their families! Their website (<https://orkidstra.ca>) tells a lot about all they do. Free concerts will be held on Dec.11 and 17. We at Emmanuel know how important music is to our congregation- it fits who we are to support this program which brings so much value to our community. Let's play our part!



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

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Fair trade & local food, handcrafts & gifts
Proceeds support Emmanuel's partners in
Zambia and El Salvador

Online orders:
November 15-30
euonlinemarket.ca

Order pick-up & in-person market:
Saturday Dec 7, 10am-1pm
691 Smyth Road, K1G 1N7



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 17 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Monday, November 18 Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation Finance Meeting	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Kitchen C.E. Hall Zoom Zoom
Tuesday, November 19 Tai Chi Quilting Coffee Time Coffee at 3 Sisters Christie Lake Kids Council Meeting	9:30 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Room 7, 9/10 Zoom 3 Sisters Rm 9/10/Kitchen Zoom
Wednesday, November 20 Active Artists Voices Rock Medicine	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Thursday, November 21 Tai Chi Discussion Group Pastoral Care Neighbourhood Bible Study Emmanubells Al-Anon Choir	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:30 am 10:00 am – 11:00 am 11:00 am – 12:00 pm 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Library Martin Luther Room 9/10 C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, November 22 Pie Making Take Time to Be Wholey	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 10:30 am – 11:30 am	Kitchen C.E. Hall
Saturday, November 23 Baby Shower	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	C.E. Hall