



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025

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.

Opening Hymn:

Come, Let us Sing

VU 222

The Life & Work of our Community of Faith

Lighting of the Christ and Affirming Candle

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.

Musical Offering:

Down to the River We Pray

By George H. Allen

Jim Lamb

Joel Brohman

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:

You are Holy

MV 45

Call to Worship:

When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,

we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.

When we trust in God, when our trust *is* God, we are like a tree planted by water.

Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

God of life, in Christ you resurrect all things. Raise us from death to life, that our transformation may bear witness to the power of your grace in our lives through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. 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:

The Joy in You

By Cat Deeley

Illustrated by Rosie Butcher

Myrna

Hymn:

Know that God is Good

MV 104

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

Luke 6:17-26

Musical Offering:

My Lord, What a Morning Arr. By Jason W. Krug

Emmanubells

Director Ann Frederking

Meditation:

Blessed are You When You're Rooted

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn:

Blest are They

VU 896

Minute for Mission:

Offering Invitation:

Luke tells us that people came to Jesus from all directions, seeking healing and peace. We are the body of Christ, surrounded by the many needs of the world. So bring your tithes and offerings, that these gifts may nurture healing and encourage peace.

Offertory Prayer:

Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless those gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus' name. 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: *Like a Healing Stream* *MV 144*

Commissioning:

May you be like trees planted by water who yield your fruit in its season,
watched over and protected by God.

Blessing

Threefold Amen

Postlude: *Hymn to Freedom* *By Oscar Peterson*

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No Scents Makes Good Sense

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

Our Lay Reader today is Blake Lines. Thank you for your part in our 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.

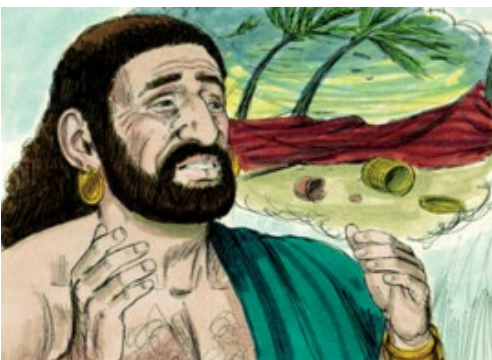
Welcome to Emmanuel! If you are a newcomer or visitor this morning, we invite you to sign our **Guest Book** in the narthex with your name and contact information and join us in a time of fellowship in the CE Hall following worship.

The office will be closed on Monday February 17 for Family Day.

Book Club was postponed and will be held on Monday, February 17 at 7pm on Zoom, discussing *The Lives of Girls and Women*, by Alice Munroe.

Join our **Let's Talk Tuesdays** Zoom Coffee and Conversation. Lingers on thoughts of love this week as we celebrate Valentines Day together, we ask: what is your most memorable Valentine's Day experience? Was it a romantic moment, special family tradition, or maybe a fun celebration with friends? How have the ways you've celebrated Valentine's Day changed over the years? Email publicity@emmanuelunited.ca for the Zoom link.

The **Thursday Morning Discussion Group** is enjoying the reading and analysis of the Hebrew Bible. This week we will be looking at the time of the **Wisdom Literature** in the Bible - **Song of Songs, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job**. All are welcome to join us for our interesting and lively conversations. Please contact Evelyn Perkins (perkeve@hotmail.com) or any member of Heretics for further information or a Zoom invitation.



A Song of Faith Lunch and Learn Program ~ put on by the Southeast Ottawa Cluster to study the Song of Faith. The program runs every Thursday at noon; this weeks meeting is at Glebe St. James. *The theme for Feb. 20th is "The Value of Scripture"*. You may participate in any or all sessions. More information is on our website under UPCOMING EVENTS or you may talk to Rev. Grant or Phyllis MacRae.

Friday Night at the Movies The Princess Bride is showing in the CE Hall on Friday, February 21st at 7:00 pm. Admission is free; drinks and snacks are for sale. Doors open at 6:30.

Bells Corners United Church is holding a fundraising dinner in support of the Zambian partnership. A "**Traditional Zambian Dinner**" with live African entertainment, Friday, February 21, 2025 at 5:30 pm. Tickets - \$40. For more information and to reserve phone the BCUC church office at 613-820-8103.

Winter Fun Day Amelia and the CD Committee have organized a Winter Fun Day for Saturday, February 22nd from 12:30-8:30. Beginning with tubing at Domaine de L'Ange Gardien followed by dinner and board games at Emmanuel. If you don't want to go tubing, you can participate in the program at Emmanuel starting at 5:30 pm. Check out the website for more information or talk to Amelia.

The Annual Congregational Meeting—ACM will be held after the service on **February 23, at 11:30 am**. All are welcome to attend. A light lunch will be served from the lounge, immediately following worship and before the start of the meeting.

Copies of the 2024 Annual Report are on the hutch outside the office.

We always try and answer questions *before the day* of the meeting. If you need anything explained, contact the appropriate committee, or your Chair of Council, Keith Jeacle.

If you think you would like to serve on a committee, in an area that interests you, your help would be very welcome. There are roles to suit everyone and the amount of time you have to commit, so don't be shy. Speak to anyone you know who is already volunteering, or contact Christine Hywarren: christine.hywarren@gmail.com

Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to stay.

See everyone there!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 16 Worship Coffee and Conversation Riverboys	10:00 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall/Kitchen Room 9/10
Monday, February 17 Office Closed Christian Meditation Book Club	9:00 am – 4:30 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Office Zoom Zoom
Tuesday, February 18 Tai Chi Let's Talk Tuesdays Quilting Coffee at 3 Sisters Christie Lake Kids	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Rooms 7, 9/10 3 Sisters Kitchen/C.E. Hall
Wednesday, February 19 Active Artists Bible Study Planning Voices Rock Medicine	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 11:00 am – 12:00 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall Library Sanctuary
Thursday, February 20 Tai Chi Discussion Group Pastoral Care Song of Faith Study Emmanubells Al-Anon Choir	9:30 am – 1:30 pm 10:00 am – 11:30 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Library Glebe St. James Sanctuary C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, February 21 Take Time to be Wholey Zambian Dinner Night at the Movies	10:30 am – 11:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Bells Corners UC C.E. Hall
Saturday, February 22 NMRA Winter Fun Day	9:00 am – 5:00 pm 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	C.E. Hall Kitchen/C.E. Hall