



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

The Gathering

Acknowledgement of Place and People

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 Hymn:

Come All You People
Shona and English

MV 2

The Life & Work of our Community of Faith

Lighting of the Christ and Affirming Candle

A flame of hope in the darkness...

A warm smile in a cold room...

A giggle in the sober silence...

The light of Christ in our worship and our lives!

We light the Affirm candle to welcome and celebrate the diversity of all God's children, as joyful and different as the colours of the rainbow.

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, to gnomes, and to new and old friends.

Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, youth, siblings, 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.

Hymn:

God of the Bible

MV 28

Call to Worship:

Great is the love all around us.

Eager is the Spirit that joins us with Christ.

Tender is the One who was raised to transform us.

With trumpets, voices and souls, we give praise.

With singing, silence, and motion, we give thanks.

May the world receive our singing and our silence, our music and our motion,

that Easter joy may spread to every waiting heart.

Come, let us worship in the name of the Risen One!*

Opening Prayer:

Chuckling, chortling God,

who lifts our hearts when we feel most down,

who strikes the light of joy in the midst of despair's gloom,

who surprises us with wonder and awe,

enter into our hearts this morning, we pray.

Open our minds to the endless possibilities

you create for growing closer to you with a giggle.

Open our eyes to your presence in all things,

allowing us to respond in joy. 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: "*Jesus and the 12 Dudes who Did*"

Hymn:

I Can Feel You Near Me God

MV 48

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:	Psalm 150 Psalm 118 Parts 2 and 3 <i>(Responsively)</i>	VU 837
Anthem:	A Surprise	
Message:	Let's Rock	
Hymn:	<i>Give to us Laughter</i>	<i>VU 624</i>

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory Invitation:

Hymn:	<i>Know That God is Good</i> <i>English and Swahili</i>	<i>MV 104</i>
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Offertory Prayer:

**Holy One, giver of joy and laughter, we thank you for our many gifts. We dedicate our gifts of time, talent and money to the work of this church in our community and the world.
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.**

Closing Hymn:	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	<i>VU 884</i>
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Blessing:

The Laughing One called us together
so we could share in the laughter of life.
The Laughing One sends us out,
to carry the joy of life and love to the world.
Go out to laugh, to live to love. And when you hear a good joke...
remember that sharing is a great thing!*

Threefold Amen

Postlude: *Fanfare* by Mark Otterstad

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Our Lay Reader today is Jon Jones. 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.

Thank you to Licensed Lay Worship Leader Jeannie Taylor for leading our worship with holy humour this morning.

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.

Today you may purchase Loblaws, Metro and Farm Boy Gift cards to raise funds for refugee housing through the Ottawa Mennonite Refugee Association.

The office hours on Monday April 28th will be from 7:30am-3:00pm.

Let's Talk Tuesdays Zoom Coffee and Conversation. This week's question is: *If you could go back and talk to your 20-year-old self, what advice or words of wisdom would you share?* Email publicity@emmanuelunited.ca for the Zoom link.

May 5th is National Red Dress Day. It is a day to remember the Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls, men, and two-spirit people (MMIWG2S+) in Canada. Emmanuel participates in the REDress Project by hanging red dresses and shirts in the trees outside of the church building along Smyth Road. The installation is intended to draw the eye of those passing by and introduce them to the on-going plight of the MMIWG2S+ people and their communities. The installation is a solemn memorial to those whose lives were lost, and in support of grieving families still waiting for justice. ***You are encouraged to wear red to our church service on May 4th as part of our memorial.***

Loli Zahinda will fill in in the office while our Office Administrator Emma Dowd is on vacation from the April 30th- May 19th.

There will be a **Spring Pilgrimage at Vincent Massey Park** on *Wednesday May 7 10am-2pm* (Rain date May 21st) with the theme: No one Stands Alone. A Sign up sheet on bulletin board opposite CE Hall, or contact Irene Bakker, Jill MacLean, or Ron MacDonald. Full details will be sent to all who register.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 27 Worship Coffee and Conversation JAM Practice Memorial Rental	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am-1:00 pm 1:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall Sanctuary Kitchen/C.E. Hall
Monday, April 28 Office Hours Election Polling Place Worship Meeting Christian Meditation	7:30 am – 3:00 pm 9:00 am – 9:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Office C.E. Hall Library Zoom
Tuesday, April 29 Quilting Tai Chi Let’s Talk Tuesdays Christie Lake Kids Global Partners	10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Rooms 7, 9/10 C.E. Hall Zoom C.E. Hall Zoom
Wednesday, April 30 Active Artists TELEOS Voices Rock Medicine	11:00 am- 2:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 8:00 pm -9:30 pm	Library Zoom Sanctuary
Thursday, May 1 Tai Chi Discussion Group Emmanubells Al Anon Choir	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:30 am 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Sanctuary C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, May 2 Take Time to be Wholey Rainbow Hub	10:30 am – 11:30 am 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Saturday, May 3		