



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Happy Easter
April 20, 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.

Solo: *I Know that my Redeemer Lives* by G.F. Handel
Soloist: Julie Henderson
Piano: Abi Sanchez-Rojas

The Christ and Affirming Candles will be lit as the music begins.

The Christ Candle symbolizes the presence of Christ's Spirit, alive in our midst, this day and every day. The Affirm candle proclaims to the members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities and their allies that they are truly welcomed and accepted in this place.

Hymn: *Thine is the Glory* **VU 173**
During the singing of this hymn please bring your flowerpots forward and place them in the wooden cross.

The Life & Work of our Community of Faith

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:

This Joyful Eastertide

VU 177

Call to Worship:

The dawn has broken,

Hallelujah.

The tomb is empty,

Hallelujah.

The stone has rolled,

Hallelujah.

The women have witnessed,

Hallelujah.

The grave clothes are folded,

Hallelujah.

Christ has risen,

Hallelujah.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

God of the morning

Jesus of the empty tomb

Spirit who rolls stones,

the word “alive”

is not enough to encompass the day.

May we know life

in every molecule of our being,

in every word we manage to speak,

in every gasp of breath we take.

May your resurrection,

your breathing again,

anchor us in hope once more.

**Dare our minds to dream again,
to believe beyond what this world offers
into something renewed and reborn.**

**When there are no words to describe today
may we have laughter
that colours the world anew
with a faith that mocks death
and encourages life once more.**

**God of the morning,
Jesus of the empty tomb,
Spirit who rolls stones,
We praise you.
God of life
and the promise
alive once more
in each one of us.
Alleluia!
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:

Ellen

Hymn: *Hallelu, Hallelu*

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!

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Praise ye the Lord!

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

Luke 24:1-12

Anthem:

Majesty

*by Jack W. Hayford
choral setting by Jack Schrader*

Meditation:

Emergence with Hope

Quiet Reflection and Prayer:

Hymn:

The Strife is O'er

VU 159

Offertory Invitation:

We belong to Christ Jesus.

All things belong to Christ – Lord of all.

Offertory Prayer:

**We praise you, O God, and give you thanks
that you have given us such joy, such grace and such hope,
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Let our lives be proof of that good news.

**Let all our words and actions, our love and service
bear witness to your resurrection power;**

for the sake of our living Lord, 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:

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

VU 155

Commissioning:

Kimberly Bracken Long, "Easter Day," *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012, p.p. 143-147.

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

Our Lay Reader today is Camille den Boer. 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.

Thank you to those who brought in flowers for the cross!

Let's Talk Tuesdays Zoom Coffee and Conversation-Spring is a time to start fresh and enjoy the little things—like sunshine, flowers, and good company. What do you enjoy most about this time of year? Get the Zoom link by emailing publicity@emmanuelunited.ca

Friday Night at the Movies: Come together to watch the comedy/drama *The Duke* at 7pm on April 25th. Starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren, a taxi driver steals a portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London, based on a true story.

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. Canadians are encouraged to wear red on May 5th in tribute to the thousands of Indigenous people still being victimized, murdered or missing in our society.

Please be aware that both Lynn Solvason (our Treasurer) and Val Dowd (our Bookkeeper) will both be away in April and May. If you have any expense claims to make, please submit them by April 20th in order to be reimbursed in a timely manner. Lynn will be away April 21-May 20 and Val will be away April 27-May 24.

Next Sunday, on April 27th, you may purchase Loblaws, Metro and Farm Boy Gift cards to raise funds for refugee housing through the Ottawa Mennonite Refugee Association. The grocery store partners pay OMRA between 4% and 5% of the value of the grocery cards. OMRA uses the funds to subsidize rents for refugee housing. So bring cash or your chequebook and support this great cause.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 20 Sunrise Service Worship Coffee and Conversation	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Garden Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, April 21 Office Closed Christian Meditation	9:00 am – 4:30 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Office Closed Zoom
Tuesday, April 22 Tai Chi Quilting Let’s Talk Tuesdays Christie Lake Kids	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	C.E. Hall Rooms 7, 9/10 Zoom C.E. Hall
Wednesday, April 23 Active Artists Emmanubells Voices Rock Medicine	11:00 am- 2:00 pm 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm 8:00 pm -9:30 pm	Library Room 9/10 Sanctuary
Thursday, April 24 Tai Chi Discussion Group Al Anon Choir	9:30 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm 7:45 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, April 25 Take Time to be Wholey Night at the Movies	10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Saturday, April 26 NMRA Memorial Rental Prep	9:00 am -5:00 pm 11:00 am – 3:00 pm	C.E. Hall Kitchen
Sunday, April 27 Worship Coffee and Conversation JAM Memorial Rental	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am – 12:00 pm 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall Sanctuary C.E. Hall/Kitchen