

# *Celebrate*

WELCOMING & CONFIRMATION



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

11 MAY 2025

## ***The Gathering***

### **Acknowledging the Territory – Mya Sorg**

We acknowledge that we have the privilege of worshiping and living on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people who are the original caretakers and stewards over these lands and waters.

We reaffirm our responsibility and commitment to learn from them as we move forward together in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

### **The Life and Work of our Community of Faith:**

**Centennial Minute:** Anahita Kazak

**Lighting of the Christ and Affirming Candles:** Sean and Jah'Mari Currie

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 celebrate the diversity of all God's children, each of whom is welcomed and valued in this place.

**Musical Offering - JAM:** Shine a Light (*by Bryan Adams*)

## ***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.**

**Hymn: *I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry* VU 644**

**Call to Worship: Ian Collins**

Leader: Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.

**People: God has given us this day;**

**A day set apart, a day of reflection and praise.**

Leader: Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.

**People: God has given us this time:**

**Time set apart, a time to sing and pray.**

Leader: Rejoice, people of faith: this is our faith community.

**People: God has given us this family:**

**A family together, a community that loves, learns, and serves.**

Leader: Let us worship God in this Sabbath time.

**People: God is our Creator, Healer and Inspiration.**

**All: So come, let us worship!**

**Opening Prayer: Ian Collins**

**God of rest,**

**Today I make the active choice**

**To enter into your rest,**

**And to join with you**

**In delighting in this good world you have made,**

**And dreaming of the perfect world you will remake.**

**I choose to tune out**

**demands and deadlines,**

**performance pressures,**

**flickering screens,**

**that which robs my soul of joy,**

**And the ways in which the world**

**Seeks to define and shape my identity.**

**I choose to tune in,  
To your affirmation and love,  
To the celebration of freedom,  
To worship and your word,  
To the enjoyment of that which fills my soul with joy,  
And reminds me of my identity in Christ,  
As a deeply loved child of God. 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:** Don't Forget to Remember *(by Ellie Holcolmb)* - Amelia Brohman

**Welcoming of Arya Zahinda**

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

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:8-11, NIV – Latisha Joseph  
Hebrews 4:9-11, NIV

***Renewal of Baptism Faith (Confirmation)***

**Statement of Purpose of Confirmation**

**Presentation of Candidates**

On behalf of the congregation of Emmanuel United Church,

I present **Jah'Mari Currie**  
for initiation into the body of Christ  
through profession of faith and baptism.

On behalf of the congregation of Emmanuel United Church,

I present **Mya Sorg and Russell Collins**  
who seek to renew the faith that was already proclaimed  
at their baptism.

## **Profession of Faith and Promises of Candidates**

### **Congregational Commitment** (*Congregation Stands as they are able*)

**Leader:** As a baptized and baptizing church,  
will you continue to support, walk and grow with these  
young people,  
as part of a loving community which worships God,  
upholds one another in prayer, fosters faith, and encourages  
each other in seeking justice?

**People:** We will, God being our helper.

### **Affirmation of Faith – The New Creed** (*All standing as they are able*)

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water The Act of Baptism – Jah'Mari Currie**

**Laying On of Hands and Presentation of Bibles and  
Certificates – Jah'Mari Currie, Mya Sorg, Russell Collins**



### **Prayer for the Candidates (*unison*)**

**Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledged to each of us your faithful love.**

**We pray today for your blessing on these young people, who today affirmed their baptismal vows.**

**Watch over them and guide them as they continue to grow in faith.**

**Remind us of the promises of our own baptism and renew our trust in you.**

**Strengthen us all, and help us to do your will, to serve you and others with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen**

**Hymn:**      *I Have Called You By Your Name*      *MV 161*

**Meditation:** Remember the Sabbath – Ellen Brohman

**Musical Offering** – Joel Brohman and Jim Lamb

Feet of Jesus (*by Steven Curtis Chapman*)

**Interactive Prayers of the People:** Christine Hywarren

**Offertory Prayer:** Val Lines

Gracious God, for the blessings of this and all our days, we give you thanks. We cherish the warmth of our church family and the ways in which we support each other and the wider community. We offer our gifts of time and treasure to support that work with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. Amen.

**Hymn:**    *I'm Gonna Live So Good can Use Me*      *VU 575*

**Blessing:** Rev Grant

Remember that God's great love for you is unending.

Go into the world to journey with God by your side, knowing that God is with you always.

**Amen** – JAM: Great Amen (Mass of Creation) by *Marty Haugen*

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The Opening Prayer is 'A prayer for Sabbath' from Christ Church London  
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***Our Lay Reader.*** Thank you to everyone who participated in our Intergenerational 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 the members of JAM for providing music this morning. **They are:** Bob Ganger, Kirsten Jeacle, Nancy Jeacle, Justin Grace-Mulder, Tom Miner, Ben Ndanze, Abigail Sanchez-Rojas, Eka Zahinda, Landa Zahinda, Sifa Zahinda, led by Jim Lamb

***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.

**Welcome to the members** of the Confirmation Class and all Newcomers to Emmanuel! Keeping in Touch will be hosting a lunch for them today following the worship service.

**Joins us for a Hymn Sing at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.** Join us for an uplifting evening of music at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. Special guest Garth Hampson will be featured, with Lynda Cox and Garth Hampson leading the singing, accompanied by Ernie Cox on piano and Matthew Larkin, Director of Music, on organ. Enjoy solos, duets, and the chance to sing your favourite hymns.

Admission is free; a free-will offering will be collected in support of the Centretown Emergency Food Centre.

**Spring Pilgrimage at Vincent Massey Park** will now be on Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The theme is: No one Stands Alone. Sign up sheet on bulletin board opposite CE Hall, or email Ron MacDonald: [pastoralcare@emmanuelunited.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@emmanuelunited.ca) or Irene: [ijsb47@gmail.com](mailto:ijsb47@gmail.com) or call Jill at 613-297-2481. Full details will be sent to all who register.

**Let's Talk Tuesdays** Zoom Coffee and Conversation. This week's question is: *What's been on your mind recently? What has caught your attention and curiosity?*

Email [publicity@emmanuelunited.ca](mailto:publicity@emmanuelunited.ca) for the Zoom link.

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



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, May 11</b> Worship Coffee and Conversation Newcomer’s Lunch	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:45 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
<b>Monday, May 12</b> Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation Book Club	10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Lounge
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b> Quilting Tai Chi Let’s Talk Tuesdays Christie Lake Kids	10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Rooms 7, 9/10 C.E. Hall Zoom C.E. Hall
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b> Active Artists Voices Rock Medicine P&G Finance Meeting	11:00 am- 2:00 pm 8:00 pm -9:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Library Sanctuary Zoom Zoom
<b>Thursday, May 15</b> 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
<b>Friday, May 16</b> Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
<b>Saturday, May 17</b>		

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