



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 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.

Gathering Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

VU 220

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith:

Lighting of the Christ and Affirming Candles:

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.

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: *Seek Ye First the Kingdom* *VU 356*

Call to Worship:

Come, listen to the stories of faith from long ago.

We are ready to listen.

Come, celebrate Christ with us in the here and now.

We are ready to celebrate.

Come, help create holy possibilities for the future.

We are ready to create.

Come, let us join generation upon generation in worshipping God.

We are ready to worship.

Opening Prayer:

Generous God, we rejoice in the gifts of grace and faithfulness you offer us. As we look at all the ways that good news comes to us, we give you thanks. As we worship together this day, bless us and remind us that your loving presence is among us. 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: "Splat the Cat and the Duck with No Quack"

By Rob Scotton

Myrna

Hymn: *I Am Walking a Path of Peace* *MV 221*

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15

Meditation:

Quiet Reflection and Prayer:

Offertory Invitation:

The earth has yielded its increase and God has richly blessed us.
Therefore bring your offerings and come into God's courts with praise.

Offertory Prayer:

God of new life,
out of the abundance of our lives
we offer these gifts to you.
May these offerings provide
a source of hope and love
in this community and beyond.
Grant us hearts that know the importance of sharing
and spirits ready to proclaim our gratitude. In Christ's 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.

Anthem: Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread *by Jay Althouse*

Scripture Sentences: John 14:23

“Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

Invitation:

Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, how great are your works.

You created the world and all that is in it.

You gave the nations their names.

We rebelled against your sovereign love,

Seeking to storm the gates of heaven,

Trying to make a name for ourselves in the world.

But by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
you have given us your own name
and have made us your own people,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

Now send forth your life-giving spirit to renew and re-create us.
Save us, Lord! We call upon your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

We give you thanks that you have made us one with Christ and Christ is one with you and the Holy Spirit.

By the gift of your Spirit, you have promised to fulfill the prayers that we ask in Jesus' name.

By the grace of your Spirit, we have promised to live in Christ's love and keep his commandments.

With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“This is my body given for you.”

With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the cup, saying,

“This is the new covenant. Do this, remembering me.

Remembering your mighty acts of mercy, we celebrate this feast with the Risen Lord, offering our lives in thanksgiving and praise.

Fill us with dreams and visions of that great and glorious day when the Lord Jesus Christ will come again.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

For what we have seen and tasted, for what we dream in order to love and serve, we give you thanks. For calling and purpose, we move forward in love. As we go from this table, go with us and guide our dreaming, so that we reflect your dream for us. Amen.

Hymn: *Eat This Bread and Never Hunger* *VU 471*

Commissioning:

Go forth into a world of changes holding God’s message of peace.
We go forth in peace.

Go forth into a world of challenges holding God’s message of hope.
We go forth in peace.

Go forth into a world of choices holding God’s message of love.
We go forth in love.

Blessing:

Choral Amen: *by Marty Hogan*

Postlude: **Scherzeto** *by Jack Hawes*

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

Our congregation is organized by its members and adherents. Several committees direct various functions, but our common life is made possible by many more who give of their time and talents.

Our Lay Reader today is Kristen Jeacle. Thank you for your part in our worship service this morning. If you would like to be a lay reader in the future, email Janet Campbell at jicampbell@hotmail.com.

Thank you to the production team, ushers, decorators, 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.

Communion Offering Today, May 25

Our Communion Offering is dedicated to the **ISARUIT INUIT ART CENTER**. Emmanuel has strengthened our relationship with the Inuit community in Ottawa as we have supported the development of the Isaruit Art program. Most significant has been the Inuit games and sports program, but there are many other points of connection. Our offerings demonstrate our continued dedication to building right relations in our community. Ottawa has the largest Inuit community outside of the North, numbering over 5000, and many are homeless. Isaruit provides a safe place for arts and crafts for both men and women, as well as a growing number of other programs.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesdays**, on Zoom. This week's question is: *If you had to be an animal, what would that animal be and why? What animal would you definitely not want to be?* Email publicity@emmanuelunited.ca for the link.

There will be a memorial service for Joan Reveler on Wednesday, May 28 at 10 am with reception to follow.

In room 24, opposite the kitchen there are spare canning jars available if you would like to use them.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 25 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, May 26 Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation	10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm	C.E. Hall Lounge
Tuesday, May 27 Quilting Tai Chi Coffee Time Coffee	10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Rooms 7, 9/10 C.E. Hall Zoom 3 Sisters Cafe
Wednesday, May 28 Joan Reveler Memorial Voices Rock Medicine	11:00 am- 2:00 pm 8:00 pm -9:30 pm	Sanctuary/C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Thursday, May 29 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 30 Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Saturday, May 31 Boating Safety Course	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	C.E. Hall