



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Chipembi Pilgrimage Reflections
June 1, 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: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

VU 395

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith:

Centennial Minute

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.

Reflections on Chipembi Pilgrimage

This morning's service of worship will focus on the time that five representatives from our congregation joined with six representatives from the Bells Corners United Church congregation to be with our Global Partners in faith at the Chipembi congregation of the United Church of Zambia.

From March 5th through the 22nd of this year, we travelled over two days each way, with two international flights to be in the space of our faithful partners. While there, we would learn about Chipembi's faithful ministry and service to the community. Together, we agree that continuing to be in partnership to fulfill God's call to be a faithful people would continue

to shape our future in relationship. We believe we go forward together in faithfulness, joy and love.

Today, we will hear stories about our experiences and show images of the joy and challenges that we shared. We are excited to share our stories with you as we celebrate the story that is learning about a culture that is not our own in Canada. We are equally as excited to share our deep love and support for one another as congregations.

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.

Chipembi Pilgrim Reflection:

**Rev. Grant Stuckless
Rev. Lorrie Lowes**

Hymn:

This is God's Wondrous World

VU 296

Chipembi Pilgrim Reflection:

**Kati Munro Collins
Sue Morrison**

(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:

Grant

Hymn: *They'll Know we are Christians* *by Paul Scholtes*

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: **John 1:39-40**

Anthem: *Chipembi Foundation of Praise Choir*

Chipembi Pilgrim Reflection:

**Keith Jeacle
Nicole Beaudry**

Hymn: *Called By Earth and Sky* *MV 135*

Chipembi Pilgrim Reflection:

**Brenda Ashe
Neil Lowes**

Offertory Invitation:

May we offer our hands and our feet, our talents and our gifts to the
furthering of God's work in the world.

Offertory Prayer:

**Loving Creator God, you call us to care for one another, serve
one another and learn from one another. You enrich our lives
with so much: talent, gifts and companions on our journey. We
pray that you continue to guide us in all places: our vocations,
our fun, our homes and families and our travels. Continue, also,
O God, to lead us in all of our relations that we may learn to
more deeply love and serve you and one another. Bless
whatever we offer for the growth of our souls and our faith.
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.**

Chipembi Pilgrim Reflection:

**Sally Lujetic
Margaret Eddy
Andrew Collins**

Sending Forth:

Hymn: *Come Touch Our Hearts* *MV 12*

Commissioning:
This morning, we have taken you on a journey to a place that is far away but close to our hearts. As we continue now, each on our own life journey, let us remember that the road is more pleasant if we travel it in partnership together. Go now with the assurance that God, Creator, Guide, and Inspiration is our partner every step of the way.

Blessing:

Amen: *by Marty Haugen*

Postlude: **Chipembi College of Agriculture Choir**

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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 Brenda Ashe. 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.

Next week, on **June 8th**, we encourage you to *wear red, orange, or yellow* in celebration of **Pentecost Sunday**. Next week's service will also be a celebration of **Pride Sunday**.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesdays**, on Zoom. This week's question is: ***Can you share a moment in your life when you felt a deep sense of awe or wonder? Have you ever experienced an epiphany—a sudden insight or realization—that changed how you saw something or someone?*** Email publicity@emmanuelunited.ca for the link.

The office will be closed on Tuesday June 3rd; Emma will be working from home and attending a meeting with the Administrators for the South East Ottawa Cluster Churches.

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

EOORC 100th Anniversary Event, June 15, 2025

You are invited to participate in the United Church of Canada 100th Anniversary celebration which will take place at the EY Centre in Ottawa on Sunday June 15. Doors open at 9:3am. Gathering music at 10:45, Worship service at 11:00 am. The service will be followed by a picnic lunch (bring your own loaves and fishes), followed by a historic exhibit, music, games and other activities.

If you and your family plan to attend, please notify Joan Foster-Jones at joanfosterjones@gmail.com.

Parking is available at the EY Centre for \$10. The Centre is accessible by public transportation. We will organize carpooling to travel from the church to the EY Centre. There will be a sign up sheet for car poolers in the Narthex. Please contact Phyllis MacRae at pmjmacrae@gmail.com for information on transportation.

Note: there will not be a worship service at Emmanuel on June 15.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 1 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, June 2 Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation	10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm	C.E. Hall Lounge
Tuesday, June 3 Office Closed Quilting Tai Chi Coffee Time	9:00 am – 4:30 pm 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am	Office Rooms 7, 9/10 C.E. Hall Zoom
Wednesday, June 4 Active Artists Space Rental	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Library C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Thursday, June 5 Tai Chi Al Anon	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Friday, June 6 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, June 7		