



# WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

*Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 22, 2025*

## *The Gathering*

### **Acknowledging the Territory**

We acknowledge that we have the privilege of worshipping 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.

**Gathering Hymn:**

*Over My Head*

**MV 88**

### **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.

**Musical Offering:**

*Ave Maria*

*by Charles Gounod  
Soloist: May Turcot*

## *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:**

***You are Holy***

**MV 45**

*Verses 2. Freedom & 3. Justice*

**Call to Worship:**

God meets us and asks us, "What are you doing here?" How shall we answer?

**We come to learn.**

**We come to pray.**

**We come to praise.**

**We come to question.**

**We come in anger or grief.**

**We come in joy.**

**We come with certainty.**

**We come with fears and doubts.**

God meets us here.

So here we gather.

Here we worship.

Here we ask, tell, listen, receive, offer and celebrate.

**That is what we shall do here.**

**Let us worship God.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Holy One, it is so easy to feel outside:**

**to feel like I don't belong.**

**I don't always know what to say.**

**I don't always know how to act.**

**Thank you that I am welcome here.**

**Thank you for this group of people who accept me as I am.**

**Thank you that you accept me as I am.**

**Help me to open my ears and my heart to hear what I need to hear today;**

**to see what I need to see today;**

**to say what I need to say today.**

**Bless this hour of worship that we all share together. 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:**                    *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**VU 575**

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

**Scripture:**                    **Luke 8:26-39**

**Musical Offering:** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

*by Virgil Thompson*

**Meditation:**            **Scripture Comes From the Shadows**

**Quiet Reflection and Prayer:**

**Hymn:**                    *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

**VU 374**

**Offertory Invitation:**

God gives us more than enough for our journey of faith. Let us present our offerings so that others may know their blessings and give thanks to God.

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Gracious, giving God:**

**Your gifts of compassion and mercy are always ours. We give you thanks for them. Now we offer gifts to you – gifts of time, talent, effort and treasure –**

**gifts that are not flashy or perfect,  
but that,**

**we pray,**

**may reflect your compassion and mercy to this hurting world.**

**Bless what we offer, O God.**

**Bless us as we continue to give. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**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:** *Sent Out in Jesus' Name* **MV 212**

**Commissioning:**

Amid wind, fire and earthquake;  
amid difficult times and places;  
amid all that may test you –  
may you know yourself upheld and held by the tender love of God.

**Blessing:**

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

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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 Jane Burton.*** 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](mailto: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.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesdays**, on Zoom. This week's questions are:

- 1) What qualities do you value most in a true friend?
- 2) Can you share a lighthearted or silly memory with a longtime friend that still makes you smile today?
- 3) Can you think of a friend who truly shaped who you are today? What made that friendship so meaningful?
- 4) As we get older and lose longtime friends, what is it like to live with that kind of absence—and is it still possible to make new, meaningful friendships?"

Contact the Office for the zoom link.

The kitchen will be given a deep clean next week, and we kindly ask if you have any items stored on the counters, to please remove them.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, June 22</b> Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
<b>Monday, June 23</b> Christian Meditation	7:00 pm	Lounge
<b>Tuesday, June 24</b> Quilting Tai Chi Coffee Time Band Practice	10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Rooms 7, 9/10 C.E. Hall Zoom C.E. Hall
<b>Wednesday, June 25</b>		
<b>Thursday, June 26</b> Tai Chi Al Anon	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
<b>Friday, June 27</b>		
<b>Saturday, June 28</b>		