



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

July 13, 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: *Each Blade of Grass* **MV 37**

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.

Call to Worship:

News stories tell us of people suffering hardships we have difficulty imagining. To live in the midst of war, like Ukrainians or people in the Middle East. To live with oppression, like the Tibetans and the Uyghurs. To be caught in extreme weather, like floods and hurricanes.

If we were there, as Christians, how would we respond to the experience? What gifts of God’s grace would we be open to receiving? As we worship, let us contemplate these questions, and ask for wisdom and guidance.

Opening Prayer:

In Christ’s name we come, O God, ready to be attentive to your voice. Help us find that still place inside our celebrations, to feel the quiet rhythm of your love, echoing the rhythms of our souls. Remind us that we are a part of your love. Remind us that all are a part of your love. 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: Being Kind Anne Montgomery

Hymn: *Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands* VU 570

(Children leave for Sunday School)

We Listen to God’s Word

**Scripture: Psalm 82 VU 799
 Luke 10: 25-37**

**Anthem: *Hold On To Me* by Paul T. Duncan,
 Paul Brendan Mabury,
 and Lauren Daigle
 Duet singers Nancy & Kirsten Jeacle**

Reflection: “Feeling half-dead” Anne Montgomery

Quiet Reflection and Prayers:

Hymn:

There is a Time

MV 165

Offertory Prayer:

Spirit of Love, we offer these gifts with open hands and open hearts, trusting that love will transform them into acts of compassion, justice, and mercy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father/Mother, who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
may your kingdom come,
may your 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:

We are Pilgrims

VU 595

Commissioning:

Jesus asked,

"In your opinion, which one acted like a neighbour toward the one attacked by robbers?"

The teacher of the Law answered,

"The one who was kind."

And Jesus replied,

"Go, then, and do the same."

Blessing:

Amen:

Great Amen (Mass of Creation)

by Marty Haugen

Postlude:

Pianist/Organist Leanne Mair

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY – THURSDAY 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

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 Maggie Park. 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 Rev. Anne Montgomery for her reflection today, and her help crafting our service.

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 we ask what is your style of Time Management, would you describe yourself as an "expert" or a "professional time waster—with flair?"

What's your secret to staying on schedule—an alarm clock, a cup of coffee, or sheer panic? If your day had a theme song based on how you manage time, what would it be? ("Taking It Easy"? "I Will Survive"? "Oops! I Did It Again", "Day by Day", or "I Did it My Way?"). Contact the Office for the zoom link.

Following worship Next Sunday, July 20th, Grocery Cards will be on Sale.

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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 13 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, July 14 Christian Meditation	7:00 pm	Lounge
Tuesday, July 15 Tai Chi Coffee Time	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom
Wednesday, July 16		
Thursday, July 17 Tai Chi Pastoral Care Meeting Al Anon	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall Library C.E. Hall
Friday, July 18		
Saturday, July 19		