



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 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: *And On This Path* **MV 8**

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: *Let Us Build a House*

MV 1

Call to Worship:

There is so much to distract us, God:

Deadlines and billboards.

Glossy Magazines and colourful websites.

The “beep” of an incoming message.

The long “to-do” list.

The friends to stay in touch with.

The birthday parties not to be missed!

Appointments.

Play dates.

Homework.

Projects.

Repairs.

Finance.

Worries.

Parents.

Children.

Friends.

Help us, O Holy One!

We come here to re-group and re-gather.

**Welcome us into a time of re-organizing our priorities and
listening to your calling, sifting word.**

Welcome us in.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

**Holy God, we enter into this separate place, this separate time, to
remind ourselves of your continuous, accompanying presence.**

**Out in the world’s hub-bub we can lose track of your lessons,
your care, your challenges and your commitments to us.**

Ground us again in your welcome.

Wrap us again in the comforting knowledge of your grace.

Help us to know that, in you, we are home. 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:

Joan

Hymn:

What Can I Do?

MV 191

(Children leave for Sunday School)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

Luke 10:38-42

Musical Offering:

Home Where I Belong

by Pat Terry

Jim Lamb & Joel Brohman

Meditation:

Serving Attention

Quiet Reflection and Prayers:

Hymn:

Take My Life and Let it Be

VU 506

Offertory Invitation:

We have been taught from an early age to see all of our resources as scarce: we haven't time or money or energy or patience for all that we can imagine. And so we choose how much time we can spend or how much money we can invest, always against a backdrop of some sadness that we cannot spend more.

Within that same sadness we look around at others and hope that they will pick up our perceived slack,
and we get frustrated when they don't.

Instead, we do something different as people of faith.

We bring our gifts, celebrating what they are,
instead of lamenting what they are not.

Let us celebrate what we share today.

Offertory Prayer:

**Holy One, we give you thanks for all that you give to us:
gifts of love and time, money and abilities.**

**Into our plate and into this place,
we return a portion of those gifts.**

**Bless those who receive them,
just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them. 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: *One More Step Along the World I Go* VU 639

Commissioning:

May you find balance:
balance between doing and being,
listening and speaking, learning and teaching,
a balance that most fully connects you with our loving, living God.

Blessing:

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

Postlude: *Waiting on the World to Change* by John Mayer
Jim Lamb & Joel Brohman

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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 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.

Thank you to Phillip Burness, our service pianist this week.

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. Are you someone who feels it's necessary to stay in touch regularly with friends or family, or do you feel that it's okay to let time pass between conversations? Why? How do you feel about using social media apps (like Facebook, Messenger, Instagram, Twitter) to stay in touch with people? Do they help, or do they feel impersonal?

What do you prefer - phone calls, letters, text messages, emails, or video calls to stay connected—and why?

Contact the Office for the zoom link.

Following worship today, Grocery Cards will be on Sale.

Egg cartons are no longer required by our local food banks. The Ottawa Food Bank has returned to the old practice of delivering eggs in cartons so we no longer have to collect the cartons. Thank you for your dedicated support of our local food banks.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 20 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, July 21 Christian Meditation	7:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, July 22 Tai Chi Coffee Time	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom
Wednesday, July 23		
Thursday, July 24 Tai Chi Al Anon	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Friday, July 25		
Saturday, July 26		