

# WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3, 2025** 

# The Gathering

Gathering Music: Arioso from Cantata No. 156 by. J.S. Bach

Viola: Ann Frederking

Piano: Abi Sánchez -Rojas

#### **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, Let Us Sing VU 222

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith:

Welcome to members joining us from Rideau Park United Church

# **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: Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

### Call to Worship:

We come here from the world

whose siren song tells us

that we do not have enough –

we do not buy enough -

we are not enough.

Here we re-learn God's wisdom -

that we have enough if we share:

that security cannot be found in the marketplace;

that we are always enough.

Centre us once again, Holy God.

Ground us in your love.

Grow us toward your sense of abundance:

abundant listening

active love

fullest life.

Let us worship God.

## **Opening Prayer:**

Gracious God, so often we add up our treasure only by considering

the dollar/pound sign and the decimal point.

We come here to remember that we are so much more than a currency sign and a decimal point.

We are your loving and beloved children, come to learn from you.

Teach us, Holy One. Teach 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:

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Hymn: Our God is So Great, So Strong and So Mighty

(Children leave for Sunday School)

#### We Listen to God's Word

**Scripture:** 

Luke 12:13-21

Jesus tells this parable as a response to a person in a crowd asking that Jesus instruct his brother to share the family wealth with him.

Musical Offering: Sonata in G minor, Largo

by Henry Eccles

Viola: Ann Frederking Piano: Abi Sánchez -Rojas

**Meditation:** 

**Graced with All We Need** 

**Quiet Reflection and Prayers:** 

Hymn:

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**VU 663** 

## **Offertory Invitation:**

Treasure is something we like to count.

Amass.

Brood over.

Consider.

Do we have enough?

Financial advisors tell us, "no."

Advertisers tell us, "no."

Our wants and our dreams tell us "no."

For some of us, our cupboards and refrigerators tell us, "no."

Someone is always asking after our treasure.

Is it enough?

Is it safe?

Are we safe?

As we weigh what we might offer this day, may we ponder the love of our God,

a treasure without price, ours without asking, buoying us up every day. With that great gift, must we hold so tightly to this world's treasure?

## **Offertory Prayer:**

Blessed and blessing God, we give you thanks for the gifts you share with us:

life and energy, health and work to do, times to be active and times to rest, sunlight, star shine and beauties to touch our souls. We cannot control their presence or their abundance in our lives, but we can recognize them and praise you for them.

As we are able, we have offered gifts in this place and in these baskets. May they flow through this community and out into the world, and help to build your kingdom of enough for all. 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: Great is Thy Faithfulness VU 288

## **Commissioning:**

Whatever riches we have –

silver and gold,

love and compassion, food and shelter, friends and fellowship — may they be gifts we offer freely.

**Blessing:** 

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

Postlude: Mazurka Mélancolique by Ricardo Castro

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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 Bob Frederking. 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 Ann Frederking, for offering her music during our service.

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.

Welcome to everyone joining us today, for this joint service with our neighbours from Rideau Park United Church.

Join Let's Talk Tuesdays, on Zoom. The topic this week is "What story, cartoon, or movie did you absolutely love as a child? Is there a story or film you've come to love even more as an adult??" Contact the Office for the zoom link.

**Worship in the Garden** is back! Join us for four sessions this August, at 7pm in the Botsford Garden for an evening worship amidst God's creations. The first service is this Wednesday, August 6.

Emmanuel's Men's Club will meet for Breakfast on Saturday August 9, from 8:30 am – 10:30 am, at Roger's Italian Bistro, at 500 Terminal Ave.

The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of Emmanuel's Newsletter has been released, you can find printed copies on the desk outside the office or read it online on our website from the Resources/Documents page.

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, August 3		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall
Monday, August 4		
Christian Meditation	7:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, August 5		
Tai Chi	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Quilting	10:00  am - 3:00  pm	Room 9/10
Let's Talk Tuesdays	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
Wednesday, August 6		
Worship in the Garden	7:00  pm - 7:30  pm	Garden
Thursday, August 7		
Tai Chi	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Al Anon	7:00  pm - 9:30  pm	C.E. Hall
Friday, August 8		
Saturday, August 9		
Men's Club Breakfast	8:30 am -10:30 am	Roger's Italian Bistro

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