



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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: *Now Thank We All Our God*

VU 236

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:

Your Love is Amazing

MV 26

Call to Worship:

Are you ready?

Every day can be a banquet!

Are you ready?

Every day can be a “welcome home!”

Are you ready?

Every meal can be communion.

Are you ready?

**Every drink can ease our thirst for friendship, for community,
for wholeness.**

Are we ready to welcome our God?

Let us come together to worship, to listen, to learn.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

**Thank you, God, for your welcome to us. Help us to remember
that your welcome is always there, and help us to remember it is
up to us to share that welcome with one another. Bless us as we
worship you 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:

Latisha

Hymn:

Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

MV 18

(Children leave for Sunday School)

We Listen to God’s Word

Scripture:

Luke 12:32-40

Musical Offering:

Come Unto Him

*from The Messiah
by GF Handel*

*Soloist: Julie Henderson
Piano: Abi Sánchez -Rojas*

Meditation: **Prepare! Be ready!**

Quiet Reflection and Prayers:

Hymn: *Know That God is Good*

VU 104

Offertory Invitation:

From Luke 12:33 we are taught “sell your possessions and give alms.” This can be a hard lesson to hear, especially if we own little and feel we have little to spare. God invites us to look at all that we have in our lives – whether objects or relationships, time or energy, space or ideas – and consider how we might share those to better our world. What will you share to help build God’s realm?

Offertory Prayer:

**Abundantly giving God,
We thank you for all that you have given to us. We thank you for your loving presence with us, in all that we experience. We offer back to you a portion of those gifts. Please bless them, as they go forth from this place and into your world. 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: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

VU 686

Commissioning:

Be alert...for any good that you can do.

We will also be at peace...for God goes with us every bit of the way.

Blessing:

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

Postlude:

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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 Terry Henderson. 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 Julie Henderson, 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.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesdays**, on Zoom. The topic this week is Pets. Did you have any pets when you were growing up? What kind were they, and what are some special or funny memories you have of them? If pets could be totally independent but still visit you like a friend, what kind of animal would you want to 'drop by' your life once in a while? Have you ever thought about having an exotic pet — like a parrot, snake, or lizard? What animal would you pick, and why? Contact the Office for the zoom link.

Worship in the Garden is back! Join us for the second session at 7pm in the Botsford Garden on Wednesday, August 13, for an evening worship amidst God's creations.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 10 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, August 11 Christian Meditation	7:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, August 12 Tai Chi Quilting Let’s Talk Tuesdays	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am	C.E. Hall Room 9/10 Zoom
Wednesday, August 13 Worship in the Garden	7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Garden
Thursday, August 14 Tai Chi Al Anon	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Friday, August 15		
Saturday, August 16		