



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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:

Like a Rock

MV 92

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:

We gather to praise you, O God, even though we don't fully understand you.

You are a fire we cannot touch.

You are a song we cannot quite sing.

You are a sea whose bottom we cannot search

and a sky clouded over in endlessly changing patterns.

But, even so,

your fire warms us

your song stirs us

your waters wash us clean and quench our thirst.

You shine on us and in us.

And we praise you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

Each day the same –

Each day the same routine:

the same faces

at school

at work,

and at home.

Each day the same.

As we see those same places and those same faces,

we get used to thinking the same thoughts:

I know you.

I know what to expect.

Shake us up, O God.

In this worship time, break in anew to our patterns and expectations.

Shine your light of love, healing and hope

into our plans and habits,

changing up what we thought couldn't be fixed,

releasing us from the boxes in which we find ourselves.

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:

Amelia

Hymn:

Jesus, Friend of Little Children
(Children leave for Sunday School)

VU 340

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Musical Offering:

Landslide

by Stevie Nicks
arr. by the Dixie Chicks
Soloists: Nancy & Kirsten Jeacle

Meditation:

An Enabling Faith

Quiet Reflection and Prayers:

Hymn:

Bring Many Names

VU 268

Offertory Invitation:

We make assumptions about what is possible. We assume that certain people will act in a certain way. We assume that certain practices will yield a predictable result.

What are the assumptions we make around our giving?

What becomes possible if we do something differently?

As you consider what gift you will offer, imagine what might come from that choice! From Isaiah 43: "I am doing a new thing...do you not perceive it?"

What new thing might come from your gift?

Offertory Prayer:

Surprising, delighting God,

You give us much, and we return a portion.

Bless our gifts.

Send them out to delight and bless your world;

To heal and renew;

To lift up and celebrate.

With thanksgiving for all that you make possible. 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 yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: *I Have Called You By Your Name* MV 161

Commissioning:

May God’s Spirit shine upon you and within you, that you might shine
God’s healing love out into this hurting world. Go out in peace and joy.

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 Jill MacLean. 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 Nancy and Kirsten Jeacle, for offering their 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.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Marg Kneen following her death on August 18, 2025. A celebration of life will be held at Emmanuel on September 13, at 2pm.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesdays**, on Zoom. The question this week is: do you have a favorite song with a person's name in it? Maybe it's one that brings back a special memory, or you just like how it sounds. For example *Hey Jude*, or *Sweet Caroline*. Contact the Office for the zoom link.

Worship in the Garden is back! Join us for the last session at 7pm in the Botsford Garden on Wednesday, August 27, for an evening worship amidst God's creations.

Coming Soon --- The Thanksgiving Pie Market

The Thanksgiving Pie Market will be opening online on September 1 and will run until October 6. Once again, this year, Apple, Raspberry, Blueberry, Strawberry Rhubarb and Peach pies will be offered in two sizes: 9" for \$18 and 6" for \$7. The funds raised will contribute to our global partners in El Salvador and Zambia. Go to www.euconlinemarket.ca to order pies.



CTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 24 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, August 25 Christian Meditation	7:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, August 26 Tai Chi Quilting Let’s Talk Tuesdays Cluster Admin Meeting	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	C.E. Hall Room 9/10 Zoom Library
Wednesday, August 27 Worship in the Garden	7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Garden
Thursday, August 28 Tai Chi Al Anon	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Friday, August 29		
Saturday, August 30		