



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 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:

Make a Joyful Noise

VU 820

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith:

Minute for Mission:

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:

Come All You People
(Uyai mose)

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Call to Worship:

God calls us to service,

rather than honour.

God call us to love the unknown,

rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship,

trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

Divine host of the heavenly banquet,

open our hearts to your invitation

to partake in a festive meal

with those who would not be invited,

those whom we would not invite,

and those who could never repay us.

Nourish our souls with the Holy Spirit,

that we may extend your welcome

to all corners of the earth.

In your holy name we pray. 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:

Grant

Hymn:

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

VU 245

(Children leave for Sunday School)

We Listen to God’s Word

Scripture:

Psalm 81:1-16

VU 796-797

Musical Offering:

Fija Tus Ojos En Cristo

arr. by Majo Solís
by Helen Lemmel
Spanish translation by Carlos P. Denyer
Vocals: May Turcot
Piano and Vocals: Abi Sanchez

Spanish Lyrics	English Lyrics
1. ¡Oh, alma cansada y turbada!, ¿sin luz en tu senda andarás? Al Salvador mira y vive; del mundo la luz es su faz.	1. O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There’s light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free!
Coro Fija tus ojos en Cristo, tan llenos de gracia y amor, y lo terrenal sin valor será a la luz del glorioso Señor.	Refrain: Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.
2. De muerte a vida eterna te llama el Salvador fiel; en ti no domine el pecado; hay siempre victoria en Él.	2. Thro' death into life everlasting, He passed, and we follow Him there; O’er us sin no more hath dominion-- For more than conqu’rors we are!
3. Jamás faltará su promesa. Él dijo: "contigo estoy". Al mundo perdido ve pronto y anuncia la salvación hoy.	3. His Word shall not fail you--He promised; Believe Him, and all will be well: Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!

Meditation:

Wanted: Water, Wheat and Honey

Quiet Reflection and Prayers:

Hymn:

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

VU 512

Offertory Invitation:
Come, do good and share what you have.
For in sharing and showing hospitality to strangers,
some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Offertory Prayer:
God of grace,
we give thanks for your faithfulness to us,
we give thanks for your hope in us,
we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace.

**In the light of your mercy,
and confident in your love,
we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you.
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: *Go, Make a Difference* **MV 209**

Commissioning:

**We are called to go and prepare a feast for unexpected guests,
filling every table,
upsetting those who exalt themselves,
knowing that God is our helper.
We will not be afraid!
Thanks be to God.**

Blessing:

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

Postlude:

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OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY – THURSDAY 9:00 AM-4:30 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 Keith Jeacle. 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 May Turcot and Abi Sanchez, for providing the musical offering today.

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 question this week is: Did summer live up to your expectations? Why or why not? Is there anything you would change? Contact the Office for the zoom link.

Happy Birthday on August 31st to Hilde Reynolds! In honour of Hilde's 95th birthday a selection of "Healthy Muffins" will be served at Coffee and Conversation, along with tea, coffee and lemonade. We hope you can celebrate with one of Emmanuel's founding members!

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.



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 31 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, September 1 Office Closed Christian Meditation	9:00 am – 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Office Zoom
Tuesday, September 2 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, September 3 Active Artists	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Library
Thursday, September 4 Tai Chi Riverboy’s Band Practice Emmanubells Al Anon Choir	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Room 9/10 Room 9/10 C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, September 5 Rainbow Hub	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Saturday, September 6		

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