



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025

The Gathering

Acknowledging the Territory

The Seven Grandfather Teachings

Portions of this service come from the service prepared by the Rev. Agnes Melinda Spence. Agnes is from Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation. Read more in the credits section of this bulletin.

Gathering Hymn: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

VU 400

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith:

Minute for Mission:

The Healing Fund

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.

Affirmation of Faith:

A New Creed

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us**

We are not alone...Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship:

From the East, the direction of the rising sun, we receive peace, light, wisdom and knowledge. This is the place of new beginnings in our lives.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

From the South comes warmth, guidance, and the fullness of life. This is the place of warm rains, purifying the waters to sustain all living things.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

From the West comes the sunset, reminding us to find balance of work and rest. This is where we are reminded of our dreams and our visions.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

From the North comes the cold and mighty wind, the white snows and the teachings from the Elders, giving us strength and endurance.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

From the heavens we receive darkness and light, the air of our breath, and messages from your winged creatures.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

From the center of all of life come your light and love O God. It is from You that we receive the very gift of breath. We acknowledge your love for us and your presence with us each and every day.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

From Mother Earth we come, from Mother Earth we will return. We are grateful for your creation that is home to us. May we walk in good paths...Oh Loving Spirit...living on this earth as one family in harmony. Rejoicing in one another's blessings, sympathizing in ones sorrows, and together with You, renewing the face of Mother Earth. Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

O' Creator God,
Help us listen carefully to Your teaching and help us all to live according to Your will.
Hear the prayers we offer, and send the Holy Spirit to guide and lead us in all that we do.
Help us to love one another as You love us.
This we pray in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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: **Ellen**

Hymn: *I am a Child of God* **MV 157**
Verses 1, 5, 1

(Children leave for Sunday School)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: **Luke 16:19-31**

Musical Offering: *The Quiet Heart* *by John Ness Beck*

Meditation: **Margins without Price for Christ**

Quiet Reflection and Prayers:

Hymn: *Spirit of Life* **VU 381**

Offertory Invitation:

(Gambrell, p.149)

We are called to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share.

Let us return to God what God has given to us.

Offertory Prayer:

(Bracken Long, p.187)

God who gives life to all things, and richly provides us with everything, use these, our offerings, to take hold of, and show us, the life that really is. Amen.

Amen.

Prayers of the People:

(Gambrill, p.149)

God is always gracious and merciful. As we enter into this time of intercessory prayer may we be confident that God hears us.

Let us pray.

We pray for an end to conflict in the world...

(Silent reflection)

Let us be a sign of your peace and reconciliation among all people.

We pray for those who are suffering...

(Silent reflection)

May your Holy Spirit bring healing to their bodies, minds and souls.

We pray for our elected leaders...

(Silent reflection)

Give them the wisdom to discern your direction, that all people may benefit.

We pray for those who are lonely...

(Silent reflection)

Assure them they are never alone, for you have promised to always be with us.

We pray for the community...

(Silent reflection)

Let the Holy Spirit lead us and guide us to be inclusive and to work for the betterment of all people.

...and hear the prayers that we give to you here and from the silence of our own hearts...

(written prayers)

O Lord, hear all of our prayers.

Guide and strengthen us to trust in you, so that we may rejoice in your presence together, this day and forevermore.

Guide us always, we pray, in the everlasting way.

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: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* **VU 288**

Commissioning:
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
The Love of God
and the Communion of the Holy Spirit
be with us now and forever.

Blessing:

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

Postlude:

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David Gambrell, "Proper 21," *Connections: Worship Companion*, Season C, Volume 2, Season after Pentecost, 2022, p.p. 148-150.

Kimberly Bracken Long, "Proper 21," *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012, p.p. 184-187.

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – 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 Jon Jones. 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.

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: *This past Sunday was Orange Shirt Sunday. On Sunday we were called to remember that "Every Child Matters." As we think about children, families, and communities who were affected by residential schools, what comes to mind for you? And what might reconciliation look like in our own lives and in our church community?* Contact the Office for the zoom link.

If you have donations for the food bank, they are being collected on Monday, September 29th from 2-3pm.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OFFERING: OCT. 5

Emmanuel congregants will join with Christians around the world for World Communion Sunday on October 5. Our Communion Offering will be dedicated to our partnership with the Chipembi congregation of the United Church of Zambia.

The links between Emmanuel and the Chipembi church are deep and strong. Members have visited and helped with projects; our youth have helped with Camp Chipembi, Vacation Bible School, for many years, including in 2025. In August three folks from Emmanuel and Bells Corners were part of the Camp leadership team: Xavier Lamb, Angela Starchuk and Kael Fowler.

In March, five members were part of a GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP VISIT: Keith Jeacle, Brenda Ashe, Grant Stuckless, Kati Munro Collins and Andrew Collins.

Our offering will help with continuing our partnership through visits and help with their projects. This is a great opportunity for each of us to share in the Chipembi story with our communion offering on October 5.

Tickets are for sale for the Shantymen's Dinner!

Saturday, October 18, 2025, at 5:00 and 6:45 pm:

Everyone is warmly invited. The evening starts with a traditional Shantymen meal featuring a hearty menu of beans, bread, ham, coleslaw, and dessert, all homemade. After dinner, the Emmanuel River Boys will provide us with home-grown, toe-tapping music.

Tickets: Adults \$25; Seniors (60+) \$20; Children under 12 \$10; Families \$60. ***Tickets are available from the office, call 613-733-0437, or email office@emmanuelunited.ca***

The Thanksgiving Pie Market

The Thanksgiving Pie Market is online and will run until October 6.

Stock up on delicious Apple, Raspberry, Blueberry, Strawberry Rhubarb, and Peach pies. 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.euonlinemarket.ca to order pies.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 28 Worship Coffee and Conversation Young Parents Lunch	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall Lounge
Monday, September 29 Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Food Bank Collection Christian Meditation	9:00 am 10:30 am – 11:30 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Kitchen C.E. Hall Narthex Zoom
Tuesday, September 30 Office Closed Tai Chi Quilting Let’s Talk Tuesdays Coffee Date Christie Lake Kids	9:00 am – 4:30 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Office C.E. Hall Room 9/10 Zoom Three Sisters C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Wednesday, October 1 Active Artists Bazaar Décor Workshop Voices Rock Music	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Library Lounge Sanctuary
Thursday, October 2 Tai Chi Heretics Discussion Group Emmanubells Al Anon Choir	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:30 am 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Room 9/10 C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, October 3 Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Wedding Rehearsal + Setup Rainbow Hub	9:00 am 10:30 am – 11:30 am 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Kitchen C.E. Hall Sanctuary/C.E. Hall Room 9/10
Saturday, October 4 Wedding	7:00 am – 10:00 pm	Sanctuary/C.E. Hall