



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 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 Music:

God of the Bible

MV 28

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.

Emmanubells

Adagio

*by Mozart
from the clarinet concerto
arr. by Malcolm Wilson*

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:

As the Deer Pants for the Water

VU 766

Call to Worship:

When we love one another

God is with us.

When we sing and pray

God rejoices through us.

When our spirits are renewed

God is at work in us.

God is present in love, in song, in renewal.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

Our Living God, we seek to come into loving relationship with you. As a parent holds in close embrace a child who is cherished and loved, so we are aware of your compassion to us.

As a grandparent models patience and generosity to a grandchild, so we are aware of your graciousness to us and all humankind, most giving God.

As a best friend is able to listen to the deepest longings of heart and soul, so we are aware of your heartfelt concern for us.

Deepen our relationship with you, we pray,

that created in your image and empowered by the example of Christ, we may be enabled to change our small corner of the world for good.

Bless this hour we have together with you, we ask. 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: When I am Old With You

Pictures by David Soman

Myrna

Hymn:

Like a Rock

MV 92

(Children leave for Sunday School)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

Isaiah 65:17-25

Anthem:

Somewhere in the Silence

by Joseph M. Martin

Message: Heaven and Earth Among Us: A New Creation

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn:

Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah

VU 651

Offertory Invitation:

In a world filled with blessings we celebrate our privilege and our responsibility to share those blessings. Let us celebrate the God of overwhelming blessings by continuing our worship through the offering of our gifts.

Offertory Prayer:

**God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox,
we give thanks for these gifts
and pray they might be agents of your peace.
May they serve your creation
as we seek your new heaven and new earth.
Help us take these gifts out into the world**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, 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: *In the Quiet Curve of Evening* **VU 278**

Commissioning:

We have no reason to fear the storms within
nor the storms without
for we are bound together in a strong community of love.
And wherever there is love, there is God.
May we be a people of enduring vision and hope
renewing the earth with transforming love.

Blessing:

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

Postlude: *Be Still, my Soul* *arr. Faye Lopez*

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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 Phyllis MacRae. 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 the Emmanubells, directed by Ann Frederking, for their musical contribution to this morning's 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.

The ushers have copies of the **Anthem Lyrics** for anyone interested.

Grocery cards will be on sale after the service today, and Food Bank Sunday is next week, November 23rd with pick up between 2-3pm on Monday, November 24th.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesdays**, on Zoom. The topic this week is Movie Time: What movie always brings back good memories for you, and why? Was it a favorite actor, a great story, or just the time in your life when you first saw it? Contact the Office for the zoom link.

This week Phyllis Macrae will lead discussion of the Thursday Morning Discussion Group (**Heretics**) on the topic of **Anti-Semitism**, based partly on Chapter 7 of the book **Faith as Protest: Answering the Call to Mend the World** by the Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton. Drop-ins are always welcome; no commitment is required. Please contact the church office or Evelyn Perkins (perkeve@hotmail.com) or any member of Heretics for further information and a Zoom invitation.

Emmanuel Night at the Movies is happening on Friday the 21st. Come out and bring your friends to watch *The Holdovers*. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the movie begins at 7.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 16 Worship Coffee and Conversation JAM	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Monday, November 17 Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation Worship Meeting	9:00 am 10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Kitchen C.E. Hall Zoom Library
Tuesday, November 18 Tai Chi Quilting Let’s Talk Tuesdays Coffee Social Christie Lake Kids Executive Council Meeting Lyon Street Band Practice	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 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Room 9/10 Zoom Three Sisters C.E. Hall/Kitchen Zoom Room 9/10
Wednesday, November 19 Active Artists Voices Rock Music	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Library Sanctuary
Thursday, November 20 Pastoral Care Meeting Tai Chi Heretics Discussion Group Emmanubells Al Anon Choir	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 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	Library C.E. Hall Zoom Room 9/10 C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, November 21 Art in the Neighbourhood Setup Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Night at the Movies	9:00 am – 6:00 pm 9:00 am 10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Sanctuary Kitchen C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Saturday, November 22 Art in the Neighbourhood Sale	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Sanctuary/Lounge