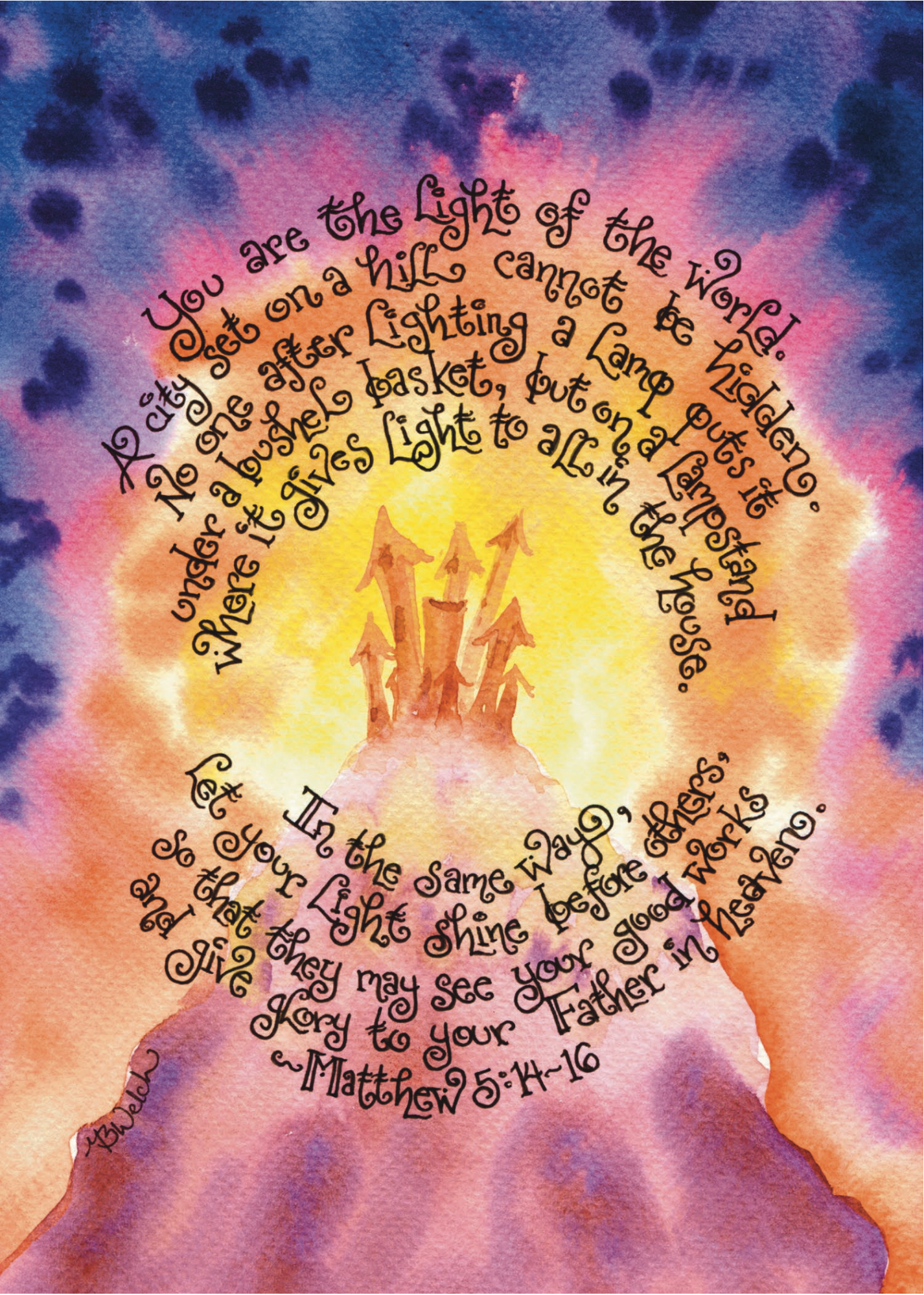




You are the Light of the World.
No one can set on a hill and say,
'I will hide myself under a bushel,
or under a basket, and I will put
the lamp under the bushel,
and I will give light to all in my house.'

In the same way, let your light
shine before others, so that they
may see your good works and
glorify to your Father in Heaven.
~ Matthew 5:14-16

Monica Welch

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WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**All Together Service
November 23, 2025**

The Gathering

Video: *Little Lights*

Acknowledging the Territory

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinaabe Algonquin people who are the traditional guardians of the land on which we worship this morning - land which remains unceded. We acknowledge the work of past, present and future caretakers of this territory who share the light of their traditional knowledge. We have the desire to work towards reconciliation and acknowledge that we must live with responsibility and respect on this land.

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.

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith:

Lighting of the Christ and Affirming Candles:

From John 8:12 we read: 'When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."'

We hold these words in our hearts as we light the Christ candle.

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.

Opening Music: *I saw the Light* *by Hank Williams*
JAM

Call to Worship: **Ian Collins**

Leader: The work of the Creator is all around us.

Let us respond with praise!

Leader: The light of Jesus is visible if we look for it.

Let us lean into the light!

Leader: The wind of the Spirit is blowing,

Let us rise up with joy!

Leader: The word of God is calling,

Let us worship and respond!

(Adapted from ‘Be our Freedom, Lord’, prepared and edited by Therry C Falla)

Opening Prayer: **Ian Collins**

God of the morning light,
Awaken our spirits as we gather to worship.
We come seeking your light to help guide our way:
Open our eyes to see with greater clarity the path you would like us to walk with you.
Ignite your light within us.
Show us how to reflect that light in all our actions
Help us to nurture it so that it continues to burn brightly when we leave this place,
We ask all of this with thanks for your light among us.
Amen.

Hymn: *Walk With Me* **VU 649**

First Scripture: **Psalm 27:1-4** **Good News Bible**
Eka Zahinda

(Children come forward while the song is played)

Hymn: *Walk With Me* **VU 649**
(Refrain)

Children’s Story: **Christine**

Hymn: **This Little Light of Mine**

Second Scripture:

Matthew 5:14-16

The Message

Musical Offering:

Shine on Us

by Cain & Mitch Wong
JAM

Reflection:

The Phototropic Heart

Ellen

Hymn:

Shine Jesus Shine

by Graham Kendrick

Stewardship Pledge Dedication

Offertory Invitation:
When you share your gifts, today and every day, you are sharing your light.

Offertory Prayer:
O God, may these offerings of money, time, and ability enable your light to shine into the darkness, touching people our community and our world.
Amen.

Interactive Prayer
We invite you to come forward to one of five prayer stations to light a prayer candle and say a private prayer.

Congregational Prayer:

Val Lines

Hymn:

I am the Light of the World

VU 87

Benediction:

Lean towards the light that is Christ,
Until it bursts
Through the cracks,
And shatters the darkness.
Let its brightness shine
In us,
Through us,
And out
Into God’s broken world.
Lean towards the light that is Christ,
Journey with him
Toward new frontiers.
His light before us,
His hope behind us,
His path beneath us.
Let us bring hope, and healing and freedom.

Let us radiate light and laughter and love.
Lean towards the light that is Christ,
And shine for the world to see

(by Christine Sine, godspace-msa.com)

Musical Offering:	My Lighthouse	<i>by Rend Collective</i>
		<i>JAM</i>

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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 Readers today are Eka Zahinda, Anahita Kazak, Ian Collins, Christine Hywarren, and Val Lines. If you would like to be a lay reader in the future, email Janet Campbell at jicampbell@hotmail.com.

Thank you to the Christian Development Committee for helping to organize this all-age service.

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 JAM, for their musical contribution to this morning's service. Members are Jim Lamb, Bob Gander, Charles Haggart, Michael Harris, Nancy Jeacle, Kirsten Jeacle, Dan Perkins, Abigail Sánchez Rojas, May Turcot, Eka Zahinda & Sifa Zahinda

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 **JAM Lyrics** for anyone interested.

Cake will be served during Coffee & Conversation today as thanks to the congregation for their support of this year's Stewardship Campaign.

Food Bank Sunday is today, November 23rd with pick up between 2-3pm on Monday, November 24th.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesdays**, on Zoom. This week's question is which quote about prayer speaks more to you? "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." By Martin Luther, or "Praying is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere." By Gypsy Rose Lee. Contact the Office for the zoom link.

This week the Thursday Morning Discussion Group (Heretics) will be discussing Human Trafficking, based partly on Chapter 2 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, and you don't need the book to participate. Please contact the church office or Evelyn Perkins (perkeve@hotmail.com) or any member of Heretics for further information and a Zoom invitation.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 23 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, November 24 Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation	9:00 am 10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Kitchen C.E. Hall Zoom
Tuesday, November 25 Tourtière Making Tai Chi Quilting Let’s Talk Tuesdays Coffee Social Christie Lake Kids	9:00 am – 1:00 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	Kitchen C.E. Hall Room 9/10 Zoom Three Sisters C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Wednesday, November 26 Active Artists Voices Rock Music	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Library Sanctuary
Thursday, November 27 Tai Chi Heretics Discussion Group Lyon St. Band Practice Emmanubells Al Anon Choir	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:30 am 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm 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 Room 9/10 C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, November 28 Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Funeral Setup	9:00 am 10:30 am – 11:30 am 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Kitchen C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Saturday, November 29 C. Hewlett Funeral Pre-Teen Evening	11:00 am – 3:00 pm 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary/C.E. Hall Kitchen/C.E. Hall