



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**Second Sunday of Black History Month
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026**

The Gathering

Prelude:

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.

Hymn:

Dance with the Spirit

MV 156

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:

Vasylyna's Tears

by Dan. R Edwards

Vasylyna's Tears was written in honor of the Ukrainian people, who continue to struggle for their freedom. Vasylyna is a common Ukrainian woman's name - she weeps for her lost countrymen.

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:

***Know that God is Good
(Mungu ni mwema)***

MV 104

Call to Worship:

Come, people beloved of God;
people of great worth and beauty!
Come, bearing your gifts
of grace and goodness.
Come, bearing symbols
of your life's richness and hope.
God welcomes our generous offerings
of gratitude and praise.

Opening Prayer:

Our hearts lie open before you,
God of love, God of mercy:

All that we are, all that you call us to be.

Our deepest yearnings rise before you,
God of wonderment, God of soul:

All that we are, all that you call us to be.

Our adoration is reserved for you alone,
God of beauty, God of grace:

All that we are, all that you call us to be.

Through this time of worship,
renew within us the vision of your beauty,
restoring our own gift of radiance:

All that we are, all that you call us to be.

In the name of Christ, through the love of the Spirit.

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: **Salt and Light** **Val**

Hymn: *Like a Rock* **MV 92**

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: **Matthew 5: 13-20**

Anthem: *Fill-a Me Up* *by Pepper Choplin*

Meditation: **Salt and Light:**
Living as Authentic Disciples in Today's World

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: *When Heaven's Bright with Mystery* **VU 93**

Offertory Prayer:

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: *Go to the World* **VU 420**

Commissioning:

As receivers of light,
we will gladly bear light to the world.
As those gifted with creativity and hope,
we will boldly offer love to the world.
And as those restored in the image of God,
we will creatively share our beauty within the world.
Go then in peace,
and may the blessing of God our Lover,
Christ our Companion,
and the Spirit our Friend,
be with us and lead us,
now and forever more.

Blessing:

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

Postlude: *Laurentide Waltz,* *by Oscar Peterson*

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Today our Lay Reader is David Langner, Ushers are Keith Jeacle and Bert Reveler, and Coffee Host is Christine Hywarren. Thank you to the tech team, decorators, and all the people that make the life and work of the church possible.

Thanks to the Emmanubells, directed by Ann Frederking, for their music this morning.

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. This week's discussion topic is: What big sporting events do you like watching? Individual sports like Olympic events or team sports like the Stanley Cup, Super Bowl, Brier Cup, World Series etc...? Why do you think that is? Are there any big sporting events you don't like to watch?

Let's Stay Together on Sunday, February 8th After lunch you are invited to join in a tobogganing adventure or film watching.

The Thursday Morning Discussion Group (Heretics) will discuss Part FOUR of the book: ***A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith*** by Brian McLaren. All are welcome. There is a copy of this book in church library.

The Men's Club meets for breakfast this Saturday, February 14th at 8:30 am at Roger's Italian Bistro in Trainyards.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on February 22nd, and Annual Reports will be available on February 12th. After the service on the 22nd lunch will be served in the lounge before the meeting begins. You are welcome to watch online, but only those present in person will be able to vote. If you have any questions about the annual report, the committee members are happy to discuss.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 8 Worship Coffee and Conversation Let’s Stay Together	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am – 2:30 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Monday, February 9 Take Time to be Wholey Kilborn Gardener’s Meeting Book Club Christian Meditation	10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	C.E. Hall Lounge Zoom Zoom
Tuesday, February 10 Tai Chi Emmanuel Quilters Let’s Talk Tuesdays Neighbourhood Quilters Coffee Social Christie Lake Kids	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Lounge Zoom C.E. Hall Three Sisters C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Wednesday, February 11 Active Artists Property and Grounds Finance Voices Rock	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Library Zoom Zoom Sanctuary
Thursday, February 12 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 Lounge C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, February 13 Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Saturday, February 14 Men’s Club Breakfast	8:30 am – 10:30 am	Roger’s Italian Bistro