



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2026

The Gathering

Prelude:

Acknowledging the Territory

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinabeg 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: *Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New* **MV 115**

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.

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: *I Have Called You by Your Name* **MV 161**

Call to Worship:

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer:

Loving God,

as we gather for worship today,

we may be happy, but also tired, weary and seeking solace.

Refresh us with your Holy Spirit,

the living water,

so we may hear your word

and pledge ourselves to serve you.

Bless us as we give you our praise. 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: **Val**

Hymn: *Know that God is Good* **MV 104**

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: **John 3:1-17**

Anthem: *God So Loved the World* *by J. Stainer*

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Today our Lay Reader is Jill MacLean, Ushers are Bob Frederking and Colleen Calvert, and Coffee Host is Joyce White. Thank you to the tech team, decorators, and all the people that make the life and work of the church possible.

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 **International Women’s Day** (*on March 8th*). What changes in women’s roles or opportunities have you witnessed over your lifetime? (Work, education, family life, leadership, etc.) Who is a woman—famous or personal—who had a strong influence on your life, and why? What barriers and challenges do women face today?

The Thursday Morning Discussion Group (Heretics) will discuss Part EIGHT, “The Future Question” of the book: *A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith* by Brian McLaren. Contact the church office or any member of Heretics for a zoom invitation.

There will be an online Lenten Evening Service on Wednesday, March 4th, from 7:00 – 7:30 pm.

Seedy Saturday is being held at Emmanuel on Saturday, March 7th. This event brings together seed vendors, gardening instructors, local sustainable business, and artisans, with the goal of fighting food insecurity by growing local. Youth from Hillcrest High School’s culinary program will be serving chili in the lunchroom. **All are welcome!**

Easter Cross Flowers Needed.



Help bring our Easter cross into bloom by bringing a 4” flowering pot with you Easter morning, April 5th. *If you would like your plant returned, place your name on the pot and pick it up after the service*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 1 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, March 2 Kitchen Systems Inspection Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Kitchen C.E. Hall Zoom
Tuesday, March 3 Tai Chi Emmanuel Quilters Let's Talk Tuesdays Neighbourhood Quilters Coffee Social Christie Lake Kids Keeping in Touch	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 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	C.E. Hall Lounge Zoom C.E. Hall Three Sisters C.E. Hall/Kitchen Zoom
Wednesday, March 4 Active Artists Lent Evening Service Voices Rock	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Sanctuary
Thursday, March 5 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, March 6 Take Time to be Wholey Seedy Saturday Setup Rainbow Hub	10:30 am – 11:30 am 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Sanctuary C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Saturday, March 7 Seedy Saturday	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Sanctuary/C.E. Hall