

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, the Lord of Sea and Sky

VU 509

Call to Worship:

The Lord shepherds us.

God restores our souls.

We shall not fear evil.

For God is always with us.

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer:

Faithful God, we profess that you are the light of the world.

Empower us through our worship of you today,

that we may live as children of the light

and also be faithful witnesses to your love in the world.

We pray this through 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:

You Are Holy

MV 45

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Anthem:

The Gift of Love

by Hal H. Hopson

Meditation:

Healing All of Our Eyes

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: *As Comes the Breath of Spring*

VU 373

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, your scriptures tell us that in the time of the ancient temple, the faithful brought their contributions and tithes and dedicated them to you. So, we, out of a calling to give a portion of our lives, dedicate our offerings. Bless what we bring for the good of your community of faith.

Amen.

Covenanting of New Council

Statement of Purpose

Jim

Friends, we celebrate with joy and gratitude that we have been called by God, and chosen by the people of *Emmanuel United Church* for leadership in the church.

This ministry is a blessing, an honour, and a responsibility. It challenges us to offer our best to God, and to all God's people.

Introduction of the Council Members

Keith

The Church Council is responsible for the total oversight of our Christian mission and service. As I read out the names of this year's council members, we invite you to stand where you are and remain standing:

Covenant Questions And Promises

Grant

(To Council members in congregation)

As you come to this place of leadership, let us make a covenant before God and with one another.

(Grant to council)

As a disciple of Jesus Christ,
will you continue to live out your faith
with praise, thanksgiving and courage?
Will you carry out your *responsibilities*
in this congregation with integrity and joy?

I will, God being my helper.

(Grant to the congregation)

Would the congregation please stand, as you are able?
Will you, the congregation of Emmanuel United Church

honour the leadership of these people?
Will you assist them through prayer, courage,
generous support, and personal example,
so that, together, we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ?

We will, God being our helper.

Prayer

Let us pray:

**Loving God, you have called these people to serve you.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us all. Help us to fulfil our
responsibilities. May we all reflect your love and grace always.
Amen.**

Declaration

And now, in the name of Jesus the Christ, and through this Service of
Covenanting, we celebrate these ministries to which we have been called
within Emmanuel United Church.

Thanks be to God!

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (sung):

VU 960

Hymn:

Giver of the Perfect Gift

VU 116

Commissioning:

May you walk in the presence of the Lord all the days of your life.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing:

Amen:

Great Amen (Mass of Creation)

by Marty Haugen

Postlude:

Prélude Op. 28, no. 15

by Frédéric Chopin

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

Today our Lay Reader is Ann Frederking, Ushers are Christine Hywarren and Joan Clow, and Coffee Hosts are Irene Bakker and Robin Kelly. 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 to do with St. Patrick's Day! Do you have any fun memories of celebrating it?

🍀 Are there any Irish songs that remind you of St. Patrick's Day? 🎵
Can you think of a funny limerick or short rhyme related to St. Patrick's Day? If we wrote a limerick about our Tuesday group, what should it include? 😊

On Wednesday, March 18th a **Transitions Luncheon** followed by musical entertainment will take place from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

The Thursday Morning Discussion Group (Heretics) will discuss Part TEN: "**The What-Do-We-Do-Now 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 led by Phyllis MacRae on Wednesday, March 18th, from 7:00 – 7:30 pm.

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 15 Worship Coffee and Conversation Lyon St. Band Practice	10:00 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Monday, March 16 Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation Worship Meeting	10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Zoom
Tuesday, March 17 Tai Chi Emmanuel Quilters Let's Talk Tuesdays Coffee Social	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	C.E. Hall Lounge Zoom Three Sisters
Wednesday, March 18 Youth March Break Camp Active Artists Transitions Lent Evening Service	10:30 am – 7:00 pm 11:00 pm – 2:00 pm 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	C.E. Hall/Kitchen Library C.E. Hall/Sanctuary Zoom
Thursday, March 19 Kiwanis Piano Delivery Pastoral Care Meeting Tai Chi Heretics Discussion Group Piano Tuning Emmanubells Al Anon Choir	9:30 am – 10:00 am 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:30 am 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary Library C.E. Hall Zoom Sanctuary Lounge C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, March 20 Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Saturday, March 21 NMRA Sale Al Anon Bookclub	9:00 am – 5:00 pm 2:00 pm -4:00 pm	C.E. Hall Library