



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

International Women's Day
Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 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.

Emmanubells: *Air with Holy, Holy, Holy* *arr. Linda Lamb*

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: *Like a Healing Stream*

MV 144

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 desire to be alive, enlivened and longing to use our energy to connect and enjoy our community together. Continue to 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 praise you. 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:

Wherever You Are... My Love Will Find You

by Nancy Tillman

Myrna

Hymn: *I've Got Peace Like a River*

VU 577

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: John 4:5-14

Anthem: *Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs*
by Douglas E. Wagner

Meditation: Human Need is a Common Story

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: *All The Way My Saviour Leads Me* VU 635

Minute for Mission: A Steady Flow of Care

Offertory Prayer:

“All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing that the Lord your God has given you.”

**We thank you, O God, that this is what your law teaches us.
Accept the gifts and talents we give with this offering we bring.
In Christ's name, Amen.**

Emmanubells: *Hope and Peace* *by C. Moglebust*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, who is in heaven,
Holy is 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: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* VU 626

Commissioning:

Receive the living water Christ has provided

We go forth and tell others the good news.

Blessing:

Amen:

Great Amen (Mass of Creation)

by Marty Haugen

Postlude:

Mélodie op. 4, no.2

by Fanny Hensel

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**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY & THURSDAY 9:00 AM-4:30 PM,
TUESDAY 9:00 AM-12:30 PM**

Today our Lay Reader is Robin Kelly, Ushers are Bob Gander and Hilde Reynolds, 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.

Thank you 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: Many of you have lived through previous wars and periods of global tension. How do today's global conflicts, especially conflict involving Iran, compare to what you've experienced before? How do you find hope during uncertain times? What wisdom from your life experience would you want to pass on to young people and adults about living in a time of uncertainty?

The office will be closed from 12:30-4:30 on Tuesday as Emma works from home, and on Wednesday from 9:30-4:30 as she works from home and attends a meeting of the Cluster Office Admin at Rideau Park.

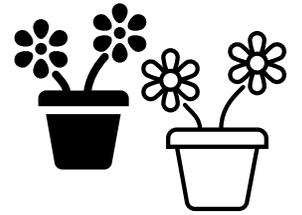
There will be an online Lenten Evening Service led by Bob Gander on Wednesday, March 11th, from 7:00 – 7:30 pm.

The Thursday Morning Discussion Group (Heretics) will discuss Part NINE: "The Pluralism 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.

Emmanuel's Men's Club will meet for breakfast on Saturday, March 14th at Roger's Italian Bistro in Trainyards from 8:30 am – 10:30 am.

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 8		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall
Agenda Planning Meeting	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Library
Let's Stay Together	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Monday, March 9		
Service Planning Meeting	10:00 am – 10:30 am	Sanctuary
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Christian Meditation	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Book Club	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Kilborn Gardener's Meeting	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Lounge
Tuesday, March 10		
Tai Chi	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Emmanuel Quilters	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Lounge
Let's Talk Tuesdays	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
Office Closed	12:30 am – 4:30 pm	Office
Transitions Music Practice	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Sanctuary
Neighbourhood Quilters	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Coffee Social	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Three Sisters
Christie Lake Kids	4:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Keeping in Touch	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Wednesday, March 11		
Office Closed	9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Office
Active Artists	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Office Admin Meeting	11:30 am – 4:30 pm	Rideau Park
Remembrance Service	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Lounge
Lent Evening Service	7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Zoom
P & G Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Zoom
Finance Meeting	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Zoom
Voices Rock	8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, March 12		
Tai Chi	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Heretics Discussion Group	10:00 am – 11:30 am	Zoom
Emmanubells	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Lounge
Al Anon	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall
Choir	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, March 13		
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Lyon St. Band Practice	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 14		
Men's Breakfast	8:30 am – 10:30 am	Roger's Italian Bistro
CD Workshop	10:30 am – 1:30 pm	C.E. Hall