



**WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**
Multi-Generational Service
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026

The Gathering

Worship Thought:

God's call in our lives does not happen in isolation; it is observed and nurtured in community. This implies that being part of God's community means noticing and nurturing God's call in the people around us.

Opening Video: *Everyday People* *by Playing for Change*

Land Acknowledgement

Eka

We acknowledge that we are worshiping on traditional lands of the Anishinaabe Algonquin people. For thousands of years, they have walked gently here, honoring their past, present and future.

We make this land acknowledgement with the realization that it is only a start on the path towards reconciliation. We acknowledge our commitment to continue to respectfully learn and journey together on this path.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Latisha and Nathalie

Reader 1: One candle can light another candle,

Reader 2: which in turn can light thousands of other candles.

Reader 1: One heart can illuminate another heart,

Reader 2: which in turn can illuminate thousands of other hearts.

Reader 1: May the light of Christ symbolized by this candle bring light to our hearts.

The Christ Candle is lit.

Reader 2: May the glow in our hearts illumine the hearts of others.

Lighting of the Affirm Candle

We light this Affirm candle to acknowledge that the light of the Divine shines in every person, each beautiful in their uniqueness.

The Affirm Candle is lit.

Welcome

Welcome

Christine

You could be in one of a hundred places right now:
In bed with the covers over your head, drinking coffee at your kitchen table, or out shopping.

But you are here, in person or online,
In community with God and with one another.

What is it that calls you here?

A quest for connecting with the Holy?

A desire for community?

Are you seeking?

Do you bring questions?

No matter what has brought you, you are welcome here.

God has found you here.

Children are invited to come to the front at this time and stay at the front for the rest of the service.

Opening Song:

Come In

*by Sam Hargreaves, Engage Worship
Introduction: Ashley Roy*

Come in, come in, you're always welcome.

Come in, come in, and take your place.

Just as you are, unique and valued,
joining as one to bring God praise.

Not because we're perfect,
but because God loves us so we:

Refrain:

Sing, sing, sing, sing, to our maker.

We sing, sing, sing, sing, to our God.

We shout, shout, shout, shout, hallelujah!

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is all in all.

Come on, come on, let's lift our voices.

Come on, come on, let's clap our hands.

Learning to listen to each other.

Singing to God who understands.

Not because we're pop stars,
but because God loves it when we:

Refrain

Call to Worship:

Val

Actions for the repeated words of the Call to Worship will be shared beforehand.

All: Gather us (*put arms wide and then draw in to a hug*)

Welcoming (*make a beckoning action with both hands*)

God (*point up with one hand*)

Leader: Who has come from the north of this building today? (*raise your hand*) From the south? East? West?

All: From north and south, east and west

Gather us,

welcoming

God.

Leader: Put your hand up if you've been doing some work this week - that could be a job, or volunteering. Who has been at school? Who's been doing stuff at home? Who has been caring for other people?

All: From work and schools, home and care,

Gather us,

welcoming

God.

Leader: Put your hand up if you speak a different language from English? Who has lived in another country for a good period of time?

All: From every language, country and background,

Gather us,

welcoming

God.

Leader: Finally, put your hand up if you have felt happy this week? Who has had moments when they've felt sad? Anyone felt angry this week? Anyone felt afraid?

**All: With all our different experiences, emotions and challenges,
we gather to worship as one.**

Opening Prayer:

Val

Loving God,

We are grateful to gather here this morning.

We come, each of us with different histories, at different stages of life, with varying points of view, in different moods.

We come, bringing the richness of our diversity.

We come to be together as one, to worship you!

Amen

Special Music: **Make This Place Your Home** *by Phillip Phillips
Joel Brohman & Jim Lamb*

Scripture: **Matthew 25: 34-40**

Reader 1: ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Reader 2: For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,

Reader 3: I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,

Reader 4: I was a stranger and you invited me in,

Reader 5: I needed clothes and you clothed me,

Reader 6: I was sick and you looked after me,

Reader 7: I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Reader 1: “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

Reader 2: “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Storytime: *They All Saw a Cat* *by Brendan Wenzel*
Latisha

Hymn: *There is Room for All* **MV 62**
English & French

1. Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.
2. Differently abled, differently labeled,
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
crutches and stigmas, culture’s enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us colour or status
can’t segregate us round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

Interactive Reflection: On Being an Inclusive Community

Ellen

Prayers of the People:

Val

(a stone is handed out to each person)

Hold a stone in your hand. Feel its presence. Know that God is here.

Let us pray.

Special Music:

At Last

*by Harry Warren, Mack Gordon
Loli Zahinda & Landa Zahinda*

Offering Prayer:

Christine

Loving God, we give thanks for our church community and all the gifts we share with one another. We ask you to bless all that we offer of our time, our talents and our resources so that we might continue to inspire others to be part of the unfolding story of faith in this time and place. Amen.

Life and Work of our Community:

Christine

Hymn:

Who is My Mother

MV 178

Kindred in Spirit through Jesus Christ

Benediction:

Grant

In every person, there is a door
that opens wide to greet you more.

Walk through that threshold, friend of mine,
and know that here, you will always shine.

prayer by Maya Angelou

Let us go out this morning with open hearts, ready to really see those
around us.

Postlude:

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Thanks to all of the readers involved in today's Multi-generational service. Ushers are Brenda Ashe and Colleen Calvert, and Coffee Hosts are Keith & Nancy Jeacle. 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.

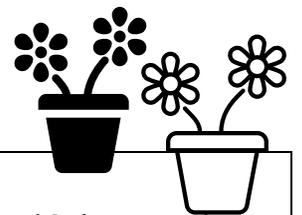
Join **Let's Talk Tuesdays**, on Zoom. This week's discussion topic is Spring! What comes to mind as the season changes, what blooms do you look forward to seeing? Do you see treasure uncovered by the melting of snow, or dread the slush and mud as we transition out of winter?

The Thursday Morning Discussion Group (Heretics) will wrap up discussions on the book: *A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith* by Brian McLaren.

There will be an online Lenten Evening Service led by Lynn Solvason on Wednesday, March 25th, 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.*



Communion Offering – March 29, 2026

Since the late 1980's Emmanuel United has had a relationship with Iglésia Bautista Emmanuel (IBE) in San Salvador, El Salvador. For more than 35 years, over 130 people have travelled to El Salvador to build on the partnership. On these trips, Emmanuelites and others did things like, building houses, chapels and youth centers, observing elections and running vacation bible schools.

We have a formal partnership with IBE and your donations, and our fund raising through initiatives like Just Gifts, support IBE's work to aid in the spiritual and educational development of children and young people and in the development of healthy and sustainable families and communities.

Initiatives include:

1. Vacation Peace Bible Schools in 9 communities for approximately 400 children;
2. The Peacemaker program at Colégio Bautista Emmanuel in which young people are trained to resolve disputes among students, and are involved in helping families following natural disasters; and
3. Youth centers in 5 communities where after school programs are run with activities in arts, music, language, and school subject tutorials. Programs in the youth centers are designed to promote youth leadership training.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 22 Worship Coffee and Conversation Kiwanis Music Festival	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Monday, March 23 Kiwanis Music Festival Take Time to be Wholey CD Event Christian Meditation	8:00 am – 9:00 pm 10:30 am – 11:30 am 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall Kitchen/C.E. Hall Zoom
Tuesday, March 24 Tai Chi Emmanuel Quilters Let's Talk Tuesdays Kiwanis Music Festival 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 – 9:00 pm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Lounge Zoom Sanctuary Three Sisters Kitchen & C.E. Hall
Wednesday, March 25 Kiwanis Music Festival Active Artists Elmvale Quilters Lent Evening Service Voices Rock Music	8:00 am – 7:30 pm 11:00 pm – 2:00 pm 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Sanctuary Library C.E. Hall Zoom Sanctuary
Thursday, March 26 Tai Chi Heretics Discussion Group Kiwanis Music Festival Emmanubells Al Anon Choir	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:30 am 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Sanctuary Lounge C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, March 27 Kiwanis Music Festival Take Time to be Wholey	8:00 am – 9:00 pm 10:30 am – 11:30 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Saturday, March 28 Kiwanis Music Festival NMRA	8:00 am – 9:00 pm 9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall