



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

May 3, 2026

Red Dress Sunday

Red Dress Day is May 5th - The National Day of
Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous
Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People

The Gathering

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:

Deep in our Hearts

MV 154

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:

A Joyous Ring

by Douglas E. Wagner

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 am Walking a Path of Peace

MV 221

Call to Worship:

With the rising and setting of the sun, we belong to our Creator.

We hear the call to reflect, respect and give thanks.

With the entry of our sister, brother and two-spirited family, we are called to be a people welcome and hospitality.

We hear the call to reflect, respect and give thanks.

We are called to awareness, this day, of the Indigenous women, girls and two-spirited people who need our protection and our partnership in the quest for justice.

As all of our Creator's family, we are called to reflect, respect and give thanks with our Indigenous neighbour: sister, two-spirited, mother, all the women in our lives.

Let us worship our Creator together.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

Gracious Creator God,

We are aware that a family has many stories and that our sisters, mothers, cousins have theirs, just as the Grandmothers and Great grandmothers of our history have theirs.

Today, we are mindful of how the worst harms have led to the loss of the lives of our Indigenous women, girls and two-spirited family.

We take this one Sunday a year, in the footsteps of a national day of awareness, this week, to remember those who have been lost and are still missing, just because they are indigenous women, girls or two-spirited people.

Bless us and attend to us, this day, as we reflect, remember and support one another. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Emmanubells:

Exploration on Deo Gracius

by Jason W. Krug

(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:

You Are Holy
English x2

MV 45

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

John 14:1-14

Anthem:

Ready, Lord *by Avery & Marsh Wilson*

Meditation:

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn:

O God, Beyond All Praising

VU 256

Offertory Prayer:

All that we have is yours, O Creator. You bring forth all from creation and our relationships; out of a call for respect and care for our earth and each other; out of the hands and labour of us as a people who are called to care. Bless what we offer, O God, for the life of our ever-widening and aware faith that we would keep being a church that lives for justice. Amen.

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 debts,**

as we forgive our debtors.
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.

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith

Hymn: *God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie* MV 53

Red Dress Day

Commissioning:

We go forth now, slowly, reflective, mindful, critically conscious,
**Settler, migrant, new Canadian, we are aware we abide on Turtle
Island.**

We are aware of the presence of the women among us who are
descendants of our First Peoples.

**We are aware of the presence of the women among us who have
stories to tell of theirs and their family members who have been
harmed and lost.**

Go forth, people of our Great Creator, mindful of how we are called to
tread lightly upon Mother Earth's creation.

**We go forth now, slowly, reflective, mindful and willing to keep
on learning.**

Blessing:

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

Postlude:

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Resources adapted for this service of worship:

<https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/mmiwg-bringing-safety-women-and-children>

<https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/invitation-listen-we-walk-path-reconciliation>

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

Today our Lay Reader is Ian Collins, Ushers are Jill MacLean and Keith Jeacle, and the Coffee Host is Joyce White + members of the Keeping in Touch Committee. 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.

Today is **Red Dress Day** at Emmanuel, when we reflect and honour the **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+)**. Every life matters! May they NEVER be forgotten.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesdays**, on Zoom. This week's discussion topic is about what has been on your mind recently.

Let's Stay Together Sunday – May 3

Join us for lunch after the service today followed by a choice of two activities with the theme of poetry. Jamaal Jackson Rogers will be our speaker. Jamaal is well known in Ottawa's spoken-word and literary scene and was Ottawa's poet laureate in 2018. There will also be an activity to explore poetry for the young and young at heart.

Bells in Spring! The Emmanubells will be a part of a massed handbell concert at Rideau Park United Church, at 7pm, on Sunday May 3rd. Free admission with a free will offering.

Gratitude in the Garden Friday May 8th 11:30-1:30. See the May packet for details.

March 2027 Pilgrimage trip to El Salvador

Our neighbours in the East Central Region are making plans for a visit to our partners in El Salvador in March 2027. To learn about the plans for the trip, sign up for a Zoom call on May 5 at 7:00 pm. To get the zoom link and register for the call contact Rev Wanda Stride at minister@trinitystandrews.ca. Or contact Phyllis MacRae at pmjmacrae@gmail.com.

Fundraising for the 13th Camp Chipembi

Donations support the vacation bible school to be held from August 11 to 16 at the Chipembi Consistory of the United Church of Zambia. This year's camp will be a for 100 children and youths. Everyone at the camp gets a t-shirt, and

each day they receive a nutritious lunch. Starting in May and until mid-July, we will be selling sponsorships for lunches, and t-shirts.

You can sponsor in any of the following ways:

- 1) Send a kid to Camp Chipembi (t-shirt & lunches) - \$50
- 2) Any number of t-shirts - \$15 each
- 3) Any number of lunches - \$7 each, or lunches for a kid for the whole camp - \$35

You can sponsor any of the above in the usual ways:

- a) buy a sponsorship at the table at Coffee & Conversation;
- b) make an e-transfer (to envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca); or
- c) write a cheque (to Emmanuel United Church) in an envelope mailed or dropped off at the church.

In the case of b) or c), please indicate in the comments field or on a note what you are sponsoring and that it is for Camp Chipembi.

Tax Receipts Provided.

If you have any questions, you can call Keith Jeacle @ 613 440-6646 or Phyllis MacRae @ 613 738-4720

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 3 Worship Coffee and Conversation Let's Stay Together Baptism Planning Meeting Bells in Spring	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am – 1:00 pm 11:30 am 7:00 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall C.E. Hall/Kitchen Library Rideau Park United
Monday, May 4 Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation	10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom
Tuesday, May 5 Tai Chi Let's Talk Tuesdays Coffee Social	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Three Sisters
Wednesday, May 6 Quilting Active Artists Voices Rock Music	10:00 am – 3:00 pm 11:00 pm – 2:00 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall/Lounge Library Sanctuary
Thursday, May 7 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, May 8 Take Time to be Wholey Gratitude in the Garden	10:30 am – 11:30 am 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	C.E. Hall Garden/Lounge
Saturday, May 9 Men's Club Breakfast	8:30 am – 10:30 am	Roger's Italian Bistro
Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall