



# WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2026

## *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:**

*Three Things I Promise*

**MV 176**

### **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:**

*There is Room for All*

**MV 62**

**Call to Worship:**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

**Risen Lord, give us your Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to abide in us as we abide in you.**

Jesus said, "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you."

**Risen Lord, we will watch for your coming. Because you live, we will live in you.**

Let us worship God.

**Opening Prayer:**

**You alone, O Lord, are the Maker of heaven and earth.**

**In you we live and move and have our being.**

**We are your children, and you are our God.**

**Teach us to turn away from false idols and to turn to you in faith;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Saviour,**

**who is risen from the dead. 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:**

*Someday*

*by Allison McGhee &*

*Peter H. Reynolds*

**Myrna**

**Hymn:**

*Who is My Mother?*

**MV 178**

*(Children leave for Sunday school)*

*We Listen to God's Word*

**Scripture:**

**John 14:15-21**

**Anthem:**

*Walkin' to Jordan*

*by Jay Althouse*

**Meditation: *The Coming of the Holy Spirit - Advocate and Comforter***

## Quiet Reflection and Prayer

**Hymn:** *Psalm 91 On Eagle's Wings* **VU 808**

**Minute for Mission:**

**Offertory Prayer:**

Here, in your house, O God, we present our offerings. You deliver us from death and welcome us into eternal life. Bless the gifts we bring now. They are our offerings of thanks and praise. Use them and us to better your church and world. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer (sung):** **VU 960**

**The Life and Work of our Community of Faith**

**Hymn:** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* **VU 806**

**Commissioning:**

Let us be eager to do good and always ready to share the hope that is within us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Blessing:**

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

**Postlude:**

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Resources adapted for this service of worship:

David Gambrell, "Sixth Sunday of Easter," *In: Connections: Worship Companion*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022, p.p. 182-184.

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

*Today our Lay Reader is Evelyn Perkins, Ushers are Bob Frederking and Colleen Calvert, and the 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.*

***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 about the nursery rhymes you remember from childhood. What memories, meanings, or bits of history are connected to it for you? What do you know about the history of these nursery rhymes?

### **Fundraising for the 13<sup>th</sup> 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

After worship on May 17<sup>th</sup>, grocery cards will be available for purchase.

Communion May 24. Our next Communion Offering will be for the ISARUIT INUIT ART CENTER. Emmanuel has strengthened our relationship with the Inuit community in Ottawa as we have supported the development of the Isaruit Art program. Most significant has been the Inuit games and sports program, but there are many other points of connection. Our offerings demonstrate our continued dedication to building right relations in our community. Ottawa has the largest Inuit community outside of the North, numbering over 5000, and many are homeless. Isaruit provides a safe place for arts and crafts for both men and women, as well as a growing number of other programs.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, May 10</b> Mother's Day Worship Coffee and Conversation APC Meeting	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall Library
<b>Monday, May 11</b> Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation Book Club	10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Zoom
<b>Tuesday, May 12</b> Tai Chi Let's Talk Tuesdays Coffee Social Christie Lake Kids	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Three Sisters Kitchen/C.E. Hall
<b>Wednesday, May 13</b> Quilting Active Artists Property & Grounds Finance Voices Rock Music	10:00 am – 3:00 pm 11:00 pm – 2:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall/Lounge Library Zoom Zoom Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, May 14</b> 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
<b>Friday, May 15</b> Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>		
<b>Sunday, May 17</b> Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall