



**WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**
All Together Service
May 31, 2026
‘Do Not Be Afraid’

The Gathering

Opening Video:

Acknowledging the Territory

Eka

We acknowledge that we are worshipping 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 and Affirming Candles:

Sifa & Abby

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ here with us today; a light which alleviates our fears and which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

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

Responsive Welcome

Welcome

Christine

(For the phrase ‘We are welcomed in this space’ all are invited to hold up one hand and trace each finger with the other hand as we say the phrase together.)

When we’re cheerful, and when we’re fearful,

we are welcomed in this space.

Whether we’re sad, or really glad,

we are welcomed in this space.

If we’re excited, or a little bit frightened,

we are welcomed in this space.

When exasperated, or feeling elated,

we are welcomed in this space.

If we’re embarrassed, or a little bit stressed,

we are welcomed in this space.

When we feel queasy, or life’s really easy,

we are welcomed in this space.

Come to Jesus, he always sees us,

we are welcomed in this space.

Call to Worship:

Ellen

(We are invited to use the ASL version of 'God is here' as well as saying it aloud)

Come everybody, gather to worship.

God is here!

Come if you're weary, hungry or thirsty.

God is here!

Bring your failures, questions and sorrows.

God is here!

Bring your worries, concerns and fears.

God is here!

Bring your rejoicing, dancing and singing.

God is here!

[start quiet, getting louder:]

We gather to worship, God is here!

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Opening Prayer:

Eka

Loving God,

We gather here this morning,

thankful to rest in your presence.

When the world feels heavy and our hearts grow anxious,

You remind us that we are never alone.

You are our shelter and our strength.

Where there is worry, bring your calm.

Where there is doubt, plant seeds of trust.

Where there is fear, may your light shine in the darkness.

As we lift our voices in worship,

We praise you, giving thanks that you walk beside us.

May every song, every prayer, and every word spoken today

draw us closer to You.

We pray this in the strong and gentle name of Jesus Christ, Amen

First Activity:

What are we afraid of?

Ellen

Video - What do kids find scary?

All-age activity – children are invited to come to the front for the introduction to this activity and to help gather information.

First Scripture: **Joshua 1:5-9 (NIV)** **Ian**

⁵As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Congregational Song: ***Three Little Birds*** *by Bob Marley*
Video with sign language

Second Activity: **Explore Stations** **Val**

‘Do not be afraid’ or a variation of that phrase is found many times in the bible. Let’s explore five stories which include that phrase. The stories are shown in different places around the sanctuary and will be on the front screen. As we explore them, think about why the people were afraid, how God responded and what we can do to address our similar fears.

Special Music: ***Be Afraid (but do it anyway)*** *by Jason Isbell*
Michael Harris

Second Scripture: **Joshua 14: 27 (NIV)** **Amelia**

Reflection - Why can we also take comfort when we are afraid?

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Hymn: ***Don't be Afraid*** **MV 90**
English & French

Third Scripture: **Philippians 4:6-7 (The Message)** **Ian**

⁶⁻⁷Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

Prayers of the People **Christine**

Offering Prayer: **Christine**

Loving God, we give thanks for our church family. We give thanks for the support we give and receive from each other. We ask you to bless all that we offer of our time, our talents and our resources so that we might continue to minister together – to our church family and to the broader community. Amen.

Storytime: ***When You are Brave*** *by Pat Zietlow Miller*
Amelia

Today our worship was led by the Christian Development Committee.

Thanks to them for organizing this 'All Together' Worship service. Thanks also to the tech team, decorators, and all the people that make the life and work of the church possible.

Grant will be away from May 29-31, and Rev. Jim Baldwin will cover for him in the event of a pastoral care emergency.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Patty Kavcic on the death of her sister Anita Tattrie. A memorial service will be held at Emmanuel on June 12th at 1:00 pm.

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 question is about Artificial Intelligence. When you hear the words "artificial intelligence," what comes to mind? Have you already used AI without realizing it? (Examples: Siri, GPS navigation, Netflix recommendations, spam filters, hearing aids, photo apps.) What technology in your lifetime seemed "unbelievable" when it first appeared? How does AI compare?

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 youth. 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

There will be a **food bank collection** on Monday, June 8th from 2-3pm in the narthex. Donations will also be welcome on Sunday, June 7th.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 31 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, June 1 Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation	10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom
Tuesday, June 2 Tai Chi Let's Talk Tuesdays Coffee Social Christie Lake Kids Al-Anon Planning Meeting	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Three Sisters C.E. Hall/Kitchen Lounge
Wednesday, June 3 Quilting Active Artists	10:00 am – 3:00 pm 11:00 pm – 2:00 pm	C.E. Hall/Lounge Library
Thursday, June 4 Tai Chi Al Anon	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Friday, June 5 Take Time to be Wholey Rainbow Hub	10:30 am – 11:30 am 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Saturday, June 6		
Sunday, June 7 Worship Coffee and Conversation Let's Stay Together	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall C.E. Hall/Kitchen