



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

PRIDE Sunday
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026

The Gathering

Acknowledging the Territory

As we begin our service, we reflect on the land where we are gathered. Land acknowledgements aren't like a prayer to start the service. They are an opportunity for all of us to reflect on how we have come to be here and on the people who were here for thousands of years before us. They are an opportunity for us to acknowledge with sincerity and respect, the relationship that exists between indigenous peoples and their traditional territories. As we worship here today, let us be conscious that we are worshiping on unceded territory. We open ourselves to continual learning and work towards a reciprocal relationship that grows from a place of respect and a desire for understanding.

Hymn: *Come, All You People* **MV 2**

Lighting of the Christ and Affirming Candles:

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

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:

Open Our Hearts

MV 21

Call to Worship:

All you who delight in the Sacred Strange, come and worship the queer Creator.

Thanks be to God who blesses the peculiar and rejoices in the uniqueness of every body and being.

The Holy takes on flesh in every gender and sexual orientation, every race and ability, every body size and body type.

Each embodied difference is a unique glimpse of Holy Wonder.

Blessed are those who search for God among the lives of the oppressed, the betrayed, the turned-away, and the condemned.

Blessed are those who receive with joy the gifts of God enfleshed among us.

The Sacred is with us.

Let us worship and be transformed.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

God, when you called each of us into being, you delighted in your works. You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of beauty, wisdom, and practices of love in your creation. In whatever ways we still struggle to accept and celebrate our own unique offerings, free us from narrow thinking that confines, constrains, or condemns your good work in us. 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:

Ellen

Hymn: **I Can Feel You Near Me, God** **MV 48**
Jump for Joy

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: **Acts 15:5-13** *The Message*

Anthem: **If You Love Me** *by John Ness Beck*

Meditation: **Embracing Love**

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: ***It Only Takes a Spark*** **VU 289**

Minute for Mission:

Advocating for sexual and gender minorities in other countries

Offering Prayer:

Since its beginning, the church was meant to be a place of chosen family—a community of outcasts and outlaws, dreamers, prophets, and humble disciples of Love. In the company of Divine Presence, we create belonging and nurture justice. With gratitude for the sacred labours of love in this place, let us bring our offerings to God and one another.

Prayer of Dedication

Beloved One, we offer our thanks for the holy witness in the lives of LGBTQIA+ and Two-Spirit people. In queer love and in trans and intersex bodies, we experience Christ enfleshed. In the faith of those who have been persecuted by the church, Christ is revealed. In the queer practices of community, of love that takes risks, and of telling the truth—even when it's costly—Christ lives on. In gratitude for these and all the sacred gifts of the LGBTQIA+ and Two-Spirit community, we give our thanks and offer these gifts. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Creator, who is in heaven,
holy is your name,
Your realm is throughout the universe,
Your presence arrives
on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our food for our journey,
And forgive us when we harm another,
as we forgive someone who harms us.
And lead us not into torment,
but deliver us from evil:
For yours is the place, and the strength, and the peace that
sustains us,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith

Hymn: *My Love Colours Outside the Lines* **MV 138**

Commissioning:

Let us go from here to proclaim the good news:

God takes on flesh in the strange and surprising.

Love liberates from the margins.

Together, we have what we need to resist evil and oppression.

**With a renewed commitment to solidarity with God and all
LGBTQIA+ and Two-Spirit people, may the Spirit lead us from
this place with peace.**

Blessing:

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

Postlude:

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Resources adapted for this service of worship:

David Gambrell, “Proper 5” In: *Connections: Worship Companion*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022, p.p. 47-49.

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Today our Lay Reader is Krista Schneider. Thank you to our ushers, coffee hosts, 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.

Emma will be away from June 8-18, and Idi Zahinda will cover for her in the office.

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.

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

Join **Let's Talk Tuesdays**, on Zoom.

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 7		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall
Monday, June 8		
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Food Bank Collection	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Narthex
Christian Meditation	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, June 9		
Tai Chi	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Let's Talk Tuesdays	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
Coffee Social	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Three Sisters
Wednesday, June 10		
Quilting	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	C.E. Hall/Lounge
Active Artists	11:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Library
Property & Grounds	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Zoom
Thursday, June 11		
Tai Chi	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Bells Cleaning	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Al Anon	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall
Friday, June 12		
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Anita Tattrie Funeral	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Saturday, June 13		
Sunday, June 14		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall
Let's Stay Together	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	C.E. Hall/Kitchen