



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 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 worshipping 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 In, Come In and Sit Down

VU 395

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:

I Can Feel You Near Me, God

MV 48

Call to Worship:

Because your steadfast love is eternal,

we will sing of your love to all generations!

Because your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens,

we will sing of your love to all generations!

Because you are our strength and our shield,

we will sing of your love to all generations!

Let us worship the Holy One, our God.

Opening Prayer:

**Fountain of grace and eternal life, help us live a holy life –
one in which we are instruments of your will**

and sin does not have power over us –

for you have brought us from death to life,

and you have taught us the way of love.

Believing this, we are called to worship you in this hour.

Accept our praise, we pray, in your name. 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:

Val

Hymn: All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

Matthew 10:40-42

Anthem:

Nothing Left to Say

by D. Angerman and J.M. Martin

Meditation: To Be Welcomed is a Precious Gift

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn:

Because You Came

MV 64

Call to Offering:

Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for being our strength and shield and for every blessing that comes from you. We share what we have now, just a portion of our possessions, with thanksgiving and with a joyful heart. Bless what we offer now and always. 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.**

Singing of

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VU 524

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith

Hymn:

Take Time to be Holy

VU 672

Commissioning:

**We now go from this place
to speak words of peace,
to sing of God's love and faithfulness,
to welcome everyone with open arms,
and to serve the one who makes us holy.
Thanks be to God.**

Blessing:

Anthem:

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

by John Rutter

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Resources adapted for this service of worship:

David Gambrill, "Proper 8" In: Connections: Worship Companion, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022, p.p. 66-68.

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The Office will be closed on Canada Day, Wednesday, July 1.

Office Summer Hours will be in place from June 6th to August 31st.

Summer Hours are Tuesday-Thursday, from 9-4.

Today our Lay Reader is Lynn Solvason. 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.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesday's** conversation group on Zoom. This week the discussion will be about inspiration. Where have you often found inspiration in your life - in people, nature, faith, books, music, or everyday experiences? As you've grown older, what new or unexpected sources of inspiration have you discovered?

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 28 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, June 29 Christian Meditation	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, June 30 Tai Chi Let's Talk Tuesdays Piano Tuning Coffee Social	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 10:30 am – 11:30 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Sanctuary Three Sisters
Wednesday, July 1 Office Closed		Office
Thursday, July 2 Tai Chi Al Anon	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Friday, July 3		
Saturday, July 4		
Sunday, July 5 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall