



**WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026

The Gathering

Organ Prelude:

James McGowan

Acknowledging the Territory

How do our actions show respect and honour Indigenous people and the deep connection they have with this land?

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:

In The Bulb There Is a Flower

VU 703

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.

Special Music:

Come Spirit, Come

Tune: Londonderry Air, Northern Irish folk tune

Arrangement: Christian Morris

Lyrics and vocals: May Turcot

Trombone: Erika Langner

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: *Know That God is Good* **MV 104**

Call to Worship:

We come to remember.

We come to learn.

We come to offer praise.

We come to live in God's truth, to hold fast to God's laws, and to rejoice in God's word.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

O Wisdom, we strive to follow your word but often gather as unruly siblings with petty fights and concerns distracting us. As you draw us together, hold us in your Spirit of righteousness and unity, so we might set our minds on you. Bless our worship together as your community. 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: **Sow, Sow, Sow the Word**
(tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Sow, sow, sow the Word,
Precious seeds of Faith;

Some that fall along the path,
Are quickly snatched away.

Sow, sow, sow the Word,
Precious seeds of Truth;
Some that fall on rocky soil,
Won't last the whole day through.

Sow, sow, sow the Word,
Precious seeds of Hope;
Some that fall among the thorns,
Grow weak from fear and woe.

Sow, sow, sow the Word,
Precious seeds of Life;
Some that fall into good soil,
Will live a life with Christ.

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Special Music: ***Rise from the Ashes***

from the Musical: New Life
Music & Lyrics: James McGowan
May Turcot, Amelia Pelley, Maggie Wolfe, James McGowan

Meditation: **Sowing Refreshment**

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: ***I See a New Heaven*** **VU 713**

Minute for Mission **Carol Campbell**

Call to Offering:

We bring before God in this church and before one another our offerings:
our gifts, generous gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Prayer of Dedication:

**We praise you, O God. You are a God of abundance, who
created a world where all can be nourished to fullness and
thriving. As partners in creation, you task us to participate in**

this work of nourishment in whatever ways and by whatever means we can. As we give you our financial offering today, help us to understand it as one way in which we claim your abundance and carry it forward as cocreators and partners in Your vision of wholeness of life for all. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Lord’s Prayer (sung): **VU 960**

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith

Hymn: *Go to the World* **VU 420**

Commissioning:
Go to the world, walking in the way of God’s word.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing:

Postlude: *Breathe In, Breathe Out*
from the musical New Life
Music and lyrics: James McGowan
Vocals: May Turcot, Maggie Wolfe

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Resources adapted for this service of worship:
David Gambrill, “Proper 10” In: *Connections: Worship Companion*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022, p.p. 76-78.

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Today our Lay Reader is Jon Jones. 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.

A special thank you to Dr. James McGowan for offering his music and accompaniment 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.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesday's** conversation group on Zoom. This week's topic is Psalm 23; for Hope and Consolation. The psalm was written from the perspective of someone who knew hardship, yet could still say, "**The Lord is my shepherd.**" What words and images of this psalm speak to you about God's presence and care when you have walked through difficult times?

Bazaar Craft Workshops run every Tuesday from 1-3pm this summer. Come by and help to make goods to decorate and sell this winter!

Wednesday Evening Worship in the Garden, come out at 7pm to attend the second *Rooted and Rising* evening worship event, Sown in Stewardship.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 12 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, July 13 Christian Meditation	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, July 14 Tai Chi Let’s Talk Tuesdays Bazaar Crafting Workshop Coffee Social	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom C.E. Hall Three Sisters
Wednesday, July 15 Worship in the Garden	7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Garden
Thursday, July 16 Pastoral Care Meeting Tai Chi Al Anon	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Library C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Friday, July 17		
Saturday, July 18		
Sunday, July 19 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall