



**WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026

The Gathering

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:

And On This Path

MV 8

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:

Called By Earth and Sky

MV 135

Call to Worship:

How awesome is this place!

This is none other than the house of God.

Let this moment and this space be a gateway to wholeness of life for all!

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

O God, You know us completely. You know our words before we even have a chance to speak. Wrap us in your presence. Still the distractions that well up in us. Search us, know us, and guide us to the wisdom you would have us hear today and in this hour of worship.

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:

Grant

Hymn:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

VU 400

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

Genesis 28:10-19

Special Music:

Panis Angelicus

*by César Franck
Soloist: Maggie Park
Piano: Cheng Hu*

Meditation: *Above, Below and Throughout: Loved by God*

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

VU 120

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:

**O God, we praise you for constantly being present to us.
Wherever we go, you keep us. You do not leave us with
unfulfilled promises. Let these gifts be our pillars of stone, our
oil poured out, in praise and thanksgiving for all you provide.
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 Faith Looks Up to Thee*

VU 663

Commissioning:

As we leave this space, do not be discouraged by the weeds that may grow around you.

**We know that God sees us, sustains us and supplies us with what
we need to pursue wholeness of life for all.**

Blessing:

Postlude:

Jubilate Deo

by Wayne Bisbeeon

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Resources adapted for this service of worship:
David Gambrill, “Proper 11” In: *Connections: Worship Companion (Year A, Volume 2)* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022, p.p. 82-85.

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Today our Lay Reader is Brenda Ashe. Thank you to our ushers, lemonade hosts, the tech team, decorators, and all the people that make the life and work of the church possible.

Special Thanks to pianist, Cheng Hu, for their part in today’s service.

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 Faith; often described as a journey rather than a destination. Faith isn't always a straight line—it may include unexpected turns, steep climbs, peaceful stretches, and times when the way ahead isn't clear. If you were to picture your own faith journey as an image or landscape, what would it be, and why?

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 third *Rooted and Rising* evening worship event, Rising in Restoration.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 19 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, July 20 Christian Meditation	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, July 21 Tai Chi Let’s Talk Tuesdays Bazaar Crafting Workshop	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom C.E. Hall
Wednesday, July 22 TELEOS Lunch Worship in the Garden	11:30 am – 1:30 pm 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Garden Garden
Thursday, July 23 Tai Chi Al Anon	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Friday, July 24		
Saturday, July 25		
Sunday, July 26 Worship Lemonade and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall