



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026

The Gathering

Prelude:

Cinq Pièces Brèves I, II

for flute and piano

by Jules Mouquet

Piano: Abi Sanchez

Flute: Jeanine Headge

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:

I Can Feel You Near Me God

MV 48

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:

There is Room for All

MV 62

Call to Worship:

In this place, in this time of worship,

We feel the presence of God.

In our words, in our song,

We sing the beauty of God.

In each person, in each soul,

We see the face of God.

So, in thanksgiving, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

**O God, who calls us to healing and wholeness,
prepare our hearts to receive your invitation of restoration –
with you, with one another, and with ourselves.**

**Let this time in which we gather
be the space where we can wrestle
with our questions and our pain,
even as we find assurance in your presence and power;
for the sake of Christ our Saviour. 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:

Joan

Hymn:

I Can Feel You Near Me God

MV 48

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: **Genesis 32:22-31**

Special Music: ***O Savior, Hear Me***

arr. by Gluck

Adapted by Dudley Buck

Flute: Jeanine Hedge

Piano: Abi Sanchez

Voice: Julie Henderson

Meditation: **Wrestling for Meaning to Faith**

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: ***Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven***

VU 240

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:

**Creator God, we know what You can do with the smallest
offering. We know that you transform our gifts into abundance
for all in need. Trusting in this miracle, we pray that as we offer
our gifts, transform us as well. Bless all that we give, 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.**

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith

Hymn:

Now Thank We All Our God

VU 236

Commissioning:

Go to speak the truth in Christ!

Thanks be to God.

Blessing:

Amen

Postlude:

Cinq Pièces Brèves IV, V

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Resources adapted for this service of worship:

David Gambrill, “Proper 13,” In: *Connections: Worship Companion (Year A, Volume 2)* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022, p.p. 97-99.

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Today our Lay Reader is Terry Henderson. 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.

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.

A very special welcome to those of you joining us from Rideau Park.

Join **Let's Talk Tuesday's** conversation group on Zoom. This week's topic is about being in nature. What do you enjoy most about being in nature? What does being in nature give you? Do the changing seasons affect the way you enjoy being in nature? Which season (s) are your favorite?

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 2 Joint Worship Service Lemonade and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, August 3 Blood Drive Christian Meditation	9:30 am – 4:30 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Sanctuary Zoom
Tuesday, August 4 Let’s Talk Tuesdays Tai Chi Bazaar Crafting Workshop APC Meeting	10:00 am – 11:00 am 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom C.E. Hall C.E. Hall Library
Wednesday, August 5 Quilting	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	C.E. Hall/Lounge
Thursday, August 6 Tai Chi Al Anon	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Friday, August 7		
Saturday, August 8 Men’s Breakfast	8:30 am – 10:30 am	Roger’s Italian Bistro
Sunday, August 9 Worship Lemonade and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall