WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 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: ***Will You Come and Follow Me?*** **VU 567**

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, the Lord, of Sea and Sky*** **VU 509**

Call to Worship:
The Lord our God is with us.

Stop and listen, turn and see!

The Lord our God is with us.

This place is holy ground.

The Lord our God is with us.

The God of our ancestors is here.

and so are we!

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, we give you thanks that you have spoken to us and revealed yourself to us through the gift of your word. Help us to heed your voice, that we may follow you faithfully and honour your glorious name. Hear us and be pleased with our worship of you, in this hour. In the name of Jesus, who calls us, we pray. 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: ***I'm Gonna Live so God can use Me*** **VU 575**

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: **Exodus 3:1-15**

Special Music: ***Finlandia*** *by Jean Sibelius*
arr. by Tom Kirkland
Erika and Friends

Meditation: ***Keeping Faith in our Interconnection***

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: ***I Am the Light of the World*** **VU 87**

Call to Offering:

Prayer of Dedication:

You call us to rejoice in hope, Generous God. As we give our offering, we pledge to be patient in suffering, persevering in prayer and contribute to the needs of each other. With glad hearts, we pray you bless the offerings of our life, our life of Emmanuel and our time, talent and treasure. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer Sung: **VU 960**

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith

Hymn: ***Deep in Our Hearts*** **MV 154**

Commissioning:
We have been set free for service.

Let us treat everywhere we walk like holy ground.

Blessing:

Postlude: ***Nine to Five*** *by Dolly Parton*
Erika and Friends

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Resources adapted for this service of worship:
David Gambrill, "Proper 17," In: *Connections: Worship Companion (Year A, Volume 2)*
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Emma is away this week; Idi Zahinda will be filling in in the office for her.

Today our Lay Reader is Areta Crowel. 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 weeks questions are: Did you enjoy school? Why or why not? What have you learned in the "school of life"?

The final **Bazaar Craft Workshop** of the summer will take place on Tuesday, September 2nd from 1-3pm. Come by and help to make goods to decorate and sell at the November Bazaar! There will, however, be a couple of other pop-up craft workshops occurring in the fall so watch the announcements and coming events so you can join in the fun!

Emmanubells are a mixed-age group of handbell ringers. They rehearse weekly at 6 pm on Thursdays and play in church about once each month. A basic ability to read music is an asset, but no previous handbell experience is necessary as we will teach you. We have space for new ringers willing to commit to regular attendance at rehearsals. For more information, please contact Ann Frederking ViolaAnnF@gmail.com or 613-749-5815

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 30		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall
Monday, August 31		
Christian Meditation	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, September 1		
Tai Chi	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Let's Talk Tuesdays	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
EUC Quilting	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Lounge
Bazaar Craft Workshop	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Coffee Social	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Three Sisters Cafe
Wednesday, September 2		
Thursday, September 3		
Tai Chi	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Al Anon	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall
Friday, September 4		
Pie Making	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Kitchen
Saturday, September 5		
Sunday, September 6		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall