



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**World Communion Sunday
19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 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:

As We Gather at Your Table

VU 457

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:

For the Fruit of All Creation

VU 227

Call to Worship:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

May the word of God amaze us again today.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

God of vines and vineyards, as you revealed your law to Moses at Mount Sinai, teach us to worship only you and to keep your commandments, that we live by our faith and be faithful as your people. Through Christ we pray, as we worship in this hour.

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:

Life

by Cynthia Rylant & Brendan Wenzel

Grant

Hymn:

Make a Joyful Noise

VU 820

Refrain, Verse One, Refrain

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

Matthew 21:33-46

Meditation:

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: *All Creatures of our God and King* VU 217

Call to Offering:

Prayer of Dedication:

Whatever gains we might possess, O God, we regard these as losses compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ. With great thanksgiving for your grace gifted to us in Jesus, we offer our lives to You. Bless the gifts that we bring, and indeed, all of our lives and living. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer (sung): VU 960

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn: *All Who Hunger* VU 460

Scripture Sentences:

God of the Heavenly Armies, return! Look down from heaven and see. Show care toward this vine. *Psalms 80:14*

Invitation:

Just as we know our Creator God cares for all Her hands have made, care is eternally provided to us. We give thanks for all our God gives and so we pray now these prayers of thanksgiving as we prepare to partake of this holy feast.

Thanksgiving:

May the peace of God be with you.

God is, indeed, with us in this place.

Lift up your hearts.

We give our hearts to God.

Give to our Creator God praise.

It is just to always give praise to God.

Creator and Creating God,

You have pour your makings, your created goodness, into this place.

You created within us a call to faithfulness.

You call us to gather and together we are thankful.

We praise you, O God, for safe, welcoming spaces:

For the 2SLGBTQIA+ persons, our family,

For the forebears, the elders, the First Peoples of the earth, we are grateful for their teachings.

We give you thanks.

You gave us teachings from prophets, church historians, nation builders and nature restorers.

You keep guiding us and calling us to remember to turn back to creation, to Her ways and wisdom.

Throughout all time, you have shown us what it takes to bring forth food in this time of harvest.

You have shown us how to keep on growing goodness and to respect creation.

You gave us Christ, one who did not return to the earth, and raised him to be with you and to gift us the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to you, O God.

You continue to provide us with a path to peace and justice that we might do our part to protect the harvests of the future.

Thanks be to you, O God.

When Jesus knew his life was ending under the cloud of empire, he gathered his disciples in a room, invited them to sit down around the table, then broke bread and shared it and said,

My life is food for your journey. Take and eat this bread. I break it for you. Remember me.

Jesus didn't stop there. He then took a chalice and poured out the fruit of a vine of grapes. With this wine filling the cup, he raised it and said,

This is the cup of new life. Take and share and drink. I pour it out for you. Remember me.

Anthem:

Come, Share the Lord

*by Bryan Leech
arr. by Roland Tabell*

Send your Holy Spirit upon this feast, O God. May they remind us of your presence here in this bread and in this cup.

We remember, O God. With Christ, through Christ and in Christ all of our praise and thanks are yours. Now and always. Amen.

Distribution:

At Emmanuel, as we share the elements, remember:

We serve the bread and ask you to hold it until all have received a portion.

We will then take the bread together with the words,

“Food for our journey.”

This symbolizes our unity in Christ.

When we receive the cup, we drink as soon as we receive it to remind us of our individual response.

It is “the cup of new life.”

All who wish to partake are welcome.

Prayer after Communion:
For the abundance and plenty your creation brings forth in this season, O God, we give you thanks.
For the gift of Christ into our lives, we give you our thanks.
As we take in Christ’s teachings into our living, we go out into the world to share this good news.
Thanks be to you, O Creator God. Amen.

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith

Hymn: *Long Ago and Far Away* MV 195

Closing Prayer:
The power of the resurrection makes all things new.
We go out knowing that Christ has made us God’s own.
Forget what lies behind.
We strain forward to what lies ahead.
Go with God.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing:

Amen: *May God’s Sheltering Wings* MV 214

Postlude:

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Today our Lay Reader is Bob Gander. 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's topic comes from two quotes by the UCC: "We become an intercultural church each time we make room for another person's story beside our own." UCC & "An intercultural church is a community where every culture helps us see God more clearly." UCC. *Our question is:* When you look at our own congregation, what moments or practices show you that we are already living as an intercultural church? Is there more we can do to be 'intercultural'?

Please check out the sign-up sheet for **Bazaar Deli Workshops** in the narthex. On Thursday, participants will make ~ 20 frozen meals to be sold at the Bazaar. Contact Val Dowd for more information.

This week the Thursday Morning Discussion Group (**Heretics**) will continue stories of **mercy** in the Bible:

- the woman who committed adultery
- the Canaanite woman
- the good Samaritan,

Please join us. Contact the church office or any member of Heretics for a zoom invitation.

The **Men's Club** will meet for **breakfast** at Roger's Italian Bistro at 8:30 am on Saturday, October 10.

Emmanuel's Holiday Bazaar is Saturday November 14, 10 am- 2pm

Your help is needed:

Plant Table: 1-2 people. No experience required, we will all work to name the plants and help with pricing. Set up Friday evening, and Bazaar next day. If you would consider filling this position, please contact Brenda Ashe: brendalashe@gmail.com or 613-806-2296

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 4 Worship Coffee and Conversation APC Meeting	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall Library
Monday, October 5 Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Christie Lake Kids Kilborn Gardener’s Meeting Christian Meditation	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 10:30 am – 11:30 am 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Kitchen C.E. Hall C.E. Hall/Kitchen Lounge Zoom
Tuesday, October 6 Tai Chi Let’s Talk Tuesdays EUC Quilting Coffee Social Christie Lake Kids	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:00 am 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Choir Room & 9/10 Three Sisters Bakeshop C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Wednesday, October 7 Active Artists EOORC Towards 2035	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Library C.E. Hall
Thursday, October 8 Heretics Tai Chi Deli Workshop Emmanubells Al Anon Choir	10:00 am – 11:30 am 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Zoom C.E. Hall Kitchen Room 9/10 C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, October 9 Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 10:30 am – 11:30 am	Kitchen C.E. Hall
Saturday, October 10 Men’s Club Breakfast	8:30 am – 10:30 am	Roger’s Italian Bistro
Sunday, October 11 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall