



**WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 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: *We Plough the Fields* **VU 520**

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.

Call to Worship:

We gather to give thanks for the earth

For the soil and rocks, for the trees and hedges.

We gather to give thanks for the produce of the earth

For corn and tomatoes, for potatoes and apples.

We gather to give thanks for those who brought food to our tables

For farmers and fishers, for butchers and bakers.

With thanksgiving, we gather to worship the One who created the Earth and all that is therein!

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, thank you for all who steward the earth and its abundance; thank you for all who care for our fragile planet and call us to radical change; thank you for all who by the labour of their hands feed the world. May we see the connection, O God, between the wheat field and our daily bread. With loving hearts, we give you thanks this day and each new morning, in Jesus' name. 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: Remembering to Say Thank You

Brian

Hymn:

Draw the Circle Wide

MV 145

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Anthem:

Sing Out to God

by Richard E. Voorhaar

Meditation: *The Royal Oak Dairy*

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought* **VU 518**

Call to Offering:

Prayer of Dedication:

Holy One, on this day of Thanksgiving, receive the love of our grateful hearts, that you have blessed us with abundance and now we offer these our gifts, and our time and talents in response. Through these gifts may the world come alive with hope, we ask and pray in Jesus' name. 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**

Blessing:

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

Postlude: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. by Mark Hayes

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The office will be closed on Monday, October 12 as our staff celebrates Thanksgiving. We wish you all an enjoyable day, filled with reasons to be grateful.

Today our Lay Reader is Keith Jeacle. 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.

Thank you to Rev. Brian Copeland for leading us in worship today.

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. The conversation continues from last week's topic on Intercultural churches; "In an intercultural church, we learn that faith is not only what we believe, but how we listen to the ways others live and speak their faith."

1. In our congregation, have you experienced any congregants expressing their Christian faith differently from the way you do? What helps you stay open, curious, or grounded when those ways feel unfamiliar?
2. How does our congregation's life already show that we can hold different understandings of God and Christian faith, together without losing our sense of community?

There will be a Transition's Lunch and Talk **Wednesday October 14th**. Bonnie Miller from Oak Park Retirement Community will be our guest speaker. Bonnie is a Marketing Manager for Retirement Communities. She has a special interest in the well-being of seniors who face life transitions. Bonnie will be bringing her professional experience and training as a Life/Health Coach to her talk and conversation – **Being Empowered to Age Well**.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. How do you get to be pure in heart, and what does it mean to 'see God'? Please join the **Thursday Morning Discussion Group (Heretics)** as we work to figure it out. Contact the church office or any member of Heretics for a zoom invitation.

Emmanuel Night at the Movies returns this Friday, October 16. Join us at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30) to view Academy Award winning *Nomadland*. The moving and inspirational story of a widow in her 60s who, after losing everything, embarks on a journey through the American west as a van-dwelling modern-day nomad.

Grocery Cards will be sold after worship next Sunday, October 18.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 11 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, October 12 Office Closed Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Christian Meditation	 9:00 am – 1:00 pm 10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Office Kitchen C.E. Hall Zoom
Tuesday, October 13 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 Café C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Wednesday, October 14 Active Artists Transitions Property & Grounds Meeting	11:00 am – 2:00 pm 11:30 am – 2:30 pm 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Library C.E. Hall Zoom
Thursday, October 15 Pastoral Care Meeting Heretics Tai Chi Deli Workshop Emmanubells Al Anon Choir	10:00 am – 12:00 pm 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	Library Zoom C.E. Hall Kitchen Room 9/10 C.E. Hall Sanctuary
Friday, October 16 Pie Making Take Time to be Wholey Movie Night	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 10:30 am – 11:30 am 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Kitchen C.E. Hall C.E. Hall
Saturday, October 17 Music Recital	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, October 18 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall