



**WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH**
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

The Gathering

Acknowledging the Territory

It is my great pleasure to be here at Emmanuel with you, where we worship this morning upon the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. I am grateful for the teachings I have received from the many wise people, from all walks of life, whom I have encountered in my life. May we live upon this land in peace, truth, and love.

Emmanubells:

Consolation

*by Jason W. Krug
keyboard: Ann McNamee*

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:

Make a Joyful Noise

VU 820

Call to Worship:

Be not afraid:

for I have redeemed you

Be not afraid

I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

when you pass through the floods,

they will not sweep o'er you;

when you walk through the fire,

you will not be consumed;

you are mine;

you are precious in my sight

you are precious in my sight!

Opening Prayer:

Generous and Loving God

Open our hearts and minds

That we might feel your presence among us

As we worship You today. 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: The Laughing Buddha

Nadine

Hymn: *I've Got Peace Like a River*

VU 577

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-12 and 18

Romans 8:35 and 37-39

Meditation: *What Brings You Joy?*

Anthem: *Be Not Afraid*

by Craig Courtney

Hymn:

What Can I Do

MV 191

Offering Prayer:
God of All There Is
Accept our gifts of love. Amen

Prayers of the People:

Lord’s Prayer Sung:

VU 960

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith

Hymn:

You Shall Go Out with Joy

VU 884

Blessing:
 My love for you
is everlasting.
 My love for you
shall have no end.
 When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.
 When you pass through the floods,
they will not sweep o'er you.
 When you walk through the fire,
you will not be consumed.
 You are mine;
you are precious in my sight,
 you are precious in my sight!
May the Lord bless you
and keep you
 and give you peace.

Amen:

May God’s Sheltering Wings

MV 214

Postlude:

I’ve Got the Joy

arr. by Pepper Choplin

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Today our Lay Reader is Joan Foster-Jones. 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 Nadine Dawson for leading us in worship today.

Thank you to the Emmanubells, directed by Ann Frederking, for their music this morning.

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 discussion topic is about connections, either lost or strained, and how we feel them; especially during the holidays. "When life changes, the way we celebrate may change too. The invitation is to discover what still brings us joy, connection, and meaning."

Whether you've experienced the loss of a loved one, strained or broken family relationships, or a family life that is different from what you had hoped for, how do you find meaning, connection, and a sense of belonging during times of celebration? What helps you navigate the sadness or loneliness that can arise when celebrating with family or community feels difficult, especially at Christmas?

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God. What's so great about peace anyway? 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 Worship and Music Workshop

As you may be aware, Emmanuel United Church held a workshop on June 27 to talk about who we think we are as a church community and who we want to be.

It was decided that we should hold shorter workshops with each focusing on a specific part of Emmanuel's programs. Accordingly, we will be holding workshops after church on October 25 to explore the way we do worship and the types of music we include in worship.

Our plan is to have the in-person workshop completed by 1pm. In addition to that workshop, we will hold a Zoom workshop for those who worship online. The Zoom workshop will start at 2pm on October 25. Lunch and childcare will be provided for those attending in person.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing Jim Lamb (jimlamb17@gmail.com) and Val Dowd (webmaster@emmanuelunited.ca) or on a sign-up sheet in the narthex. **Let us know whether you would like to attend the in-person workshop or the Zoom workshop.**

We hope to see you at one of the workshops!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 18 Worship Coffee and Conversation	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary C.E. Hall
Monday, October 19 Take Time to be Wholey Christie Lake Kids El Salvador Trip Planning Christian Meditation Finance Meeting	10:30 am – 11:30 am 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall C.E. Hall/Kitchen Library Zoom Zoom
Tuesday, October 20 Tai Chi Let’s Talk Tuesdays EUC Quilting Coffee Social Christie Lake Kids Council Meeting	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 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Zoom Choir Room & 9/10 Three Sisters Café Room 9/10 & Kitchen C.E. Hall
Wednesday, October 21 Active Artists	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Library
Thursday, October 22 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 23 Take Time to be Wholey Shantymen’s Dinner Prep Rainbow Hub	10:30 am – 11:30 am 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm 5:00 pm -9:00 pm	C.E. Hall Kitchen/C.E. Hall Room 9/10/Kitchen
Saturday, October 24 Al Anon Book Club Shantymen’s Dinner	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm 5:00 pm -9:00 pm	Library C.E. Hall
Sunday, October 25 Worship Coffee and Conversation Worship Workshop	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Sanctuary C.E. Hall C.E. Hall & Zoom