WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Launch
November 1, 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: ***Dance with the Spirit*** **MV 156**
verse two move, verse three sing

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 and to those worshiping with us online.**

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.

Anthem: ***O Praise Ye the Lord*** *by Noel Dexter*

Call to Worship:

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happiness comes to those who take refuge in the Lord.

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

The Lord redeems the life of the faithful;
None who take refuge in God will see punishment.

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

Gathered in the presence of all the saints, let us worship the God of our salvation.

Opening Prayer:

Creator of all, Lamb of salvation and Shepherd of your people,
We long for the day when trials are ended,
When hunger and thirst will cease,
and when sorrow and suffering will be no more.
Until that day, guide us by your Word and Spirit,
that we may find our place among the saints,
whose very lives proclaim your promise;
through Christ our Lord.
Bless our hour of worship together, we pray in your 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: **Val**

Hymn: ***I Am a Child of God*** **MV 157**
verse one, sung twice

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Stewardship Campaign 2026 **Tom**

Scripture: **Matthew 5:1-12**

Hymn: ***And on this Path*** **MV 8**

Meditation: ***The Time is Nigh for Blessing***

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: ***Great is Thy Faithfulness*** **VU 288**

Minute for Mission **Campus Ministries**

Prayer of Dedication:
Gracious God, Provider of any abundance we may be gifted, we make an offering of thanks, aware that Jesus offered himself for us, joined in the labours of the saints to your glory and with our blessing. Sanctify what we give back to you, we pray in Your name. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

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

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith

Hymn: ***Blest Be The Tie That Binds*** **VU 602**

Commissioning:
Saints of the living God, rejoice and be glad.
For by the Creator's love, we rejoice that we are called children of God.
That is what we are.

Blessing:

Amen: ***Peace Be with You*** **MV 215**

Postlude: ***Variatons sur Shine Nomine*** *by Denis Bédard*

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Resources adapted for this service of worship:

David Gambrill, “All Saints Day,” In: *Connections: Worship Companion (Year A, Volume 2)* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022, p.p. 197-200.

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Today our Lay Reader is Tom Kanneman. 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 discussion topic is : for those who attended the *Worship and Music* conversation, after church on October 25th, what were your biggest takeaways? What do you think should be the priorities for updating and enriching the worship and music experience at Emmanuel?

There will be a **Deli Workshop** after the service today where volunteers will make Shepherd's Pie for sale at the Bazaar.

On Tuesday, there will be a potpourri craft workshop for the Bazaar.

Being salt and light. Matthew ends the Beatitudes with this high note. Let's do it! Can we do it? Please join the Thursday Morning Discussion Group **(Heretics)** as we work on that. Contact the church office or any member of Heretics for a zoom invitation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Both the Ushers and the Coffee and Conversation groups are planning the schedules for December through May. Both groups can use more folks participating. Truly more hands make light work. Please contact Emma in the church office, Bob Gander or Irene Baker if you are interested in these important ministries.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 1		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall
Deli Workshop	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Kitchen
Monday, November 2		
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Christie Lake Kids	4:30 pm – 8:30 pm	C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Christian Meditation	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, November 3		
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	Choir Room & 9/10
Bazaar Craft Workshop		
Coffee Social	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Three Sisters Café
Christie Lake Kids	4:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Room 9/10, Kitchen
Wednesday, November 4		
Active Artists	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Library
Thursday, November 5		
Heretics	10:00 am – 11:30 am	Zoom
Tai Chi	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Emmanubells	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Room 9/10
Al Anon	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall
Choir	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, November 6		
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Saturday, November 7		
Sunday, November 8		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall
Let's Stay Together	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	C.E. Hall