

WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Remembrance Day
November 8, 2026

The Gathering

Prelude: **Adagio Religioso** *by Oskar Bohme*
Leo Ji, Trumpet

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: ***O God of All The Many Lands*** **VU 523**

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.

Emmanubells: **Solemn Serenade** *by Jason W. Krug*
Ann McNamee: Keyboard

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.

National Anthem: ***O Canada*** **VU 524**

Laying of the Wreath: **Hilde Reynolds & Terry Henderson**

The Last Post

Two Minutes of Silence

Reveille

In Flander's Fields: **Jon Jones**

Call to Worship:

On this day of Remembrance, we give thanks:

For peacekeepers and pacifists; for those who served on the front lines, and those who protest and march; for those who volunteered and those who waited anxiously at home;

for those who hoped that things would get better, and those who could not stand by and wait.

We give thanks for those who believed that the world could be a better place.

We remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, trusting that others could and would carry the torch.

We give thanks for those who were once enemies who have become friends and allies.

Opening Prayer:

O God, to you we offer our prayers for those who seek justice and resist evil. We pray for those who need your presence and strength to stand firm; for those who are oppose the use of violence in any form in faithful response to the Prince of Peace. We pray for those are prepared to be firm to protect those in danger. We pray for those who walk with others who need

strength. We pray for those who protest, those who organize letter campaigns, those who give sacrificially on behalf of others. We pray for those who speak the unpopular truth; who protect the unpopular victims; who choose the unpopular path of peace. We pray for those who do not let their desire for peace hinder the requirements of justice, and for those who do not let their zeal for justice override the call for peace. 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: **Ellen**

Hymn: ***He's Got the Whole World in His Hands***

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: **Matthew 25:1-13**

Anthem: ***Pie Jesu*** *by James Wright*

English Lyrics	**Latin Lyrics**
Blessed Lord Jesus,	Pie Jesu, Domine
Grant them eternal rest,	Dona eis requiem aeternam,
And light perpetual shine upon them.	Et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Hear our prayer, O Lord:	Exaudi orationem nostram:
Blessed Lord Jesus,	Pie Jesu, Domine,
Grant them eternal rest,	Dona eis requiem aeternam,
Grant them peace,	Dona eis pacem,
Grant them rest.	Dona eis requiem.

Meditation: ***Readiness for End Times***

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn: ***God! As With Silent Hearts*** **VU 527**

Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious God, bless these gifts and these givers. May they be used well to foster peace and joy in this world and in the lives of those who cross our paths. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed is your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith

Hymn: ***We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection*** **VU 586**

Commissioning:
Remember the sacrifices of those who have gone before us.
Take up the whole armour of God and remain steadfast.
Fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.
Put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
May the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the hope of the Spirit be with you now and always. Amen
Blessing:

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

Postlude: ***Andante et Allegro*** *by J. Guy Ropatz*
Leo Ji, Trumpet

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Resources adapted for this service of worship:

Call to Worship:
1 https://united-church.ca/prayers/day-remembrance

Opening Prayer:
1 from "On This Day of Remembrance," prayers for Remembrance Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Neil Parker, military chaplain at the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford, ON
https://united-church.ca/prayers/prayer-people-courage

Offertory Invitation:
1 https://www.summerlea.ca/BulletinsEtc/2026Bulletins/4-SeptOct/2026-10-25/2026%2010%2025%20-%2022nd%20after%20Pentecost%20-%20Peace%20Sunday.pdf

1 http://www.windsorparkunitedchurch.com/bulletin-sunday-november-10-2024-remembrance-sunday-communion-twenty-fifth-sunday-after-pentecost/

Prayer of Dedication:
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The office is closed on Wednesday this week for Remembrance Day.

Today our Lay Reader is Terry Henderson. 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.

Thanks to Leo Ji for their trumpet playing this morning.

Thanks to the Emmanubells, directed by Ann Frederking for their music during our worship 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. What do you think or feel about our neighbour to the south? (hint – USA) Have the results of the midterm election changed your opinion?

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.

Let's Stay Together after the service today, you are invited to join us for lunch followed by a presentation and discussion of Jordan's Principle and Indigenous Child Welfare, or a film and craft.

Book Club meets on Zoom on November 9 to discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. Kathleen will lead the discussion.

This Saturday is **Emmanuel's Holliday Bazaar**, join us from 10-2 with friends, neighbours, family members and more. Partake in our delicious lunch room offerings and stock up on treasures and treats.

Grocery Cards will be available for purchase after the service on November 15.

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.



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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
Monday, November 9		
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Book Club	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Christian Meditation	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, November 10		
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
Organ Tuning	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Sanctuary
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 11		
Office Closed		
Active Artists	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Library
Property & Grounds Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Zoom
Finance Meeting	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Zoom
Thursday, November 12		
Heretics	10:00 am – 11:30 am	Zoom
Tai Chi	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Al Anon	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall
Choir	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, November 13		
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Saturday, November 14		
Bazaar	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	
Sunday, November 15		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall
Grocery Card Sale	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall