WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
November 15, 2026
Sharing at the Table

The Gathering

Acknowledging the Territory: Latisha and Nathalie
Latisha: Can you stomp your feet? As you stomp your feet, you are touching the land we live on.
Nathalie: Who were the people who first lived on this land a long, long time ago?
Latisha: They are the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people. They have been friends with the land all this time.
Nathalie: How have they been friends with the land?
Latisha: They have cared for the land and all the animals and plants who live on it. They have cared for the rivers, lakes and oceans and all the animals and fish who live in them.
Nathalie: What can we learn from them?
Latisha: We can learn how to be kind to the land and water. We can learn their stories. We can learn to be good friends with them.

Welcome: Val

Video – Gathering Together at the Table

God's table is big enough for us all.
God's open table is here for everyone – for people of all ages, all backgrounds, all abilities, all stages of our faith journey, including those who are questioning.
God is here at our table.
Come take your place at God's table!

Lighting of the Christ and Affirming Candles: Nadina and Ovidio
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.

Opening Music: *Come In*
Ashley Roy, Abi Sanchez-Rojas, Jim Lamb leading the congregation
Come in, come in, you're always welcome.
Come in, come in, you're always welcome.
Leader: Come in, come in, and take your place.
Come in, come in, and take your place.

Just as you are, unique and valued,
Just as you are, unique and valued,
joining as one to bring God praise.
joining as one to bring God praise.
Not because we're perfect,
but because God loves us so we:

Chorus:
Sing, sing, sing, sing to our maker.
We sing, sing, sing, sing to our God.
We shout, shout, shout, shout hallelujah!
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is all in all.

Come on, come on, let's lift our voices.
Come on, come on, let's lift our voices.
Come on, come on, let's clap our hands.
Come on, come on, let's clap our hands.
Learning to listen to each other.
Learning to listen to each other.
Leader: Singing to God who understands.
Singing to God who understands.
Not because we're pop stars,
but because God loves it when we:

Chorus

Call to Worship: Camille and Rafa
Camille: Loving God, you built a table big enough for the whole world. Thank you for pulling up a chair just for me.
Rafa: Il y a toujours une place pour tout le monde à votre table. *(There is always a place for everyone at your table!)*
Camille: We give thanks for the food on our plates, for the hands that make it, and for the farmers who grow it.
Rafa: Il y a toujours une place pour tout le monde à votre table. *(There is always a place for everyone at your table!)*
Camille: We are grateful for our friends, our families, the people sitting next to us today and the people worshiping at home.
Rafa: Il y a toujours une place pour tout le monde à votre table. *(There is always a place for everyone at your table!)*
Camille: We remember people who are hungry, lonely, or looking for a safe place to rest.
Rafa: Il y a toujours une place pour tout le monde à votre table. *(There is always a place for everyone at your table!)*
Camille: Teach us to share what we have, to listen kindly, and to love like Jesus.

Rafa: Il y a toujours une place pour tout le monde à votre table. *(There is always a place for everyone at your table!)*
Camille: Everyone is welcome, everyone is loved, and everyone has a home with you.

All together: Amen!

Opening Prayer: **Ian**

Loving God,
Today we gather as one family — young and old, new and seasoned, curious and wise.
We come from different paths, but we meet here in Your presence.

Thank You for the gift of each generation,
for the laughter of children,
the dreams of youth,
the strength of adults,
and the wisdom of elders.

In this moment, we open our hearts to You.
May Your Spirit move among us,
teaching us to listen to one another,
to learn from each other,
and to walk together in love.

Bless our time here, Lord.
May our words be kind,
our actions be gentle,
and our hearts be united in Your peace.

We pray that this gathering will be a place
where faith is shared across generations and backgrounds,
where hope is renewed,
and where Your light shines in every person.

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: **Christine**

Hymn: ***What Can I do?*** **MV 191**

(sing twice)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture: Acts 2: 41-45 (from The Message) Eka

The scripture this morning describes the beginning of the Christian church. After Jesus' death, people were waiting to see what would happen next. What happened is that the Holy Spirit came and inspired the start of a new church community. This early Christian community was an inclusive fellowship of people with diverse backgrounds. They shared what they had, they supported and held each other up, and they joyfully worshiped.

Reflection: *Extending the Table* Ellen

Special Music: *Soon and Very Soon*

Chrispin and Friends

(written by Andraé Crouch)

Stewardship Testimony: Chikwa

Offering Invitation: Christine

We offer our time, talent and resources so that our communal table may be full.

Prayer of Dedication: Christine

Lord, there is abundance here. We give thanks for all the people who bring us together in different ways. We give thanks for the talents that each and every person brings to our community to make it richer. We give thanks for the gifts of money that ensure that we can support each other and our wider community. Thank you for all that is brought to this table. Amen.

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Prayers of the People: Val

Sung Lord's Prayer: VU 960

The Life and Work of our Community of Faith

Hymn: *Dance with the Spirit* MV 156

(verse 2.Clap, 3.Jump, 4.Sing)

Commissioning: Grant

May we be a people who extend our table to ensure that all are included.

May we bring the gifts of curiosity, openness and generous love to our table.

As we leave this place, let us also take these gifts out into the world.

Blessing:

Postlude:

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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. Complacency is sometimes described as being too comfortable with the way things are, even when there are obvious problems that need attention. Do you agree? Has our affluence made us complacent?

Grocery Cards will be available for purchase after the service in the C.E. Hall.

The **Just Gifts Online Market** is open now until November 28, check it out at euconlinemarket.ca. *Order pick-up and the In Person Christmas Market will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 10 am – 1pm.*

Updates to the 2024 Photo Directory are available through the office.

Teleos meets this Wednesday, November 18th at 7pm on Zoom. Bring a picture or story to share that mean's Christmas to you.

Guaranteed Livable Basic Income. What would it mean if every adult Canadian was guaranteed to have 'enough' income? Regardless of their education or health or even initiative. How would individuals be affected? How would the community be affected? How much would it cost? Please join the Thursday Morning Discussion Group **(Heretics)** as we discuss.



Riverside United Church is hosting a Clothing Swap on Saturday November 21st from 10-12. You can drop off 5 items and then choose 5 items to take home during the Clothing Swap. If you have items that you

would like to donate ahead of time, you can drop them off at Riverside United Church from Monday to Thursday 9:00AM till 3:30PM the week before the event at the church office. Bins will also be available at the front door to leave donations after the church office is closed. We are looking for clothing for all ages and genders, scarves/accessories, purses and winter clothing. During the event we will also have free snacks for you to enjoy as you browse. On the same day of the Clothing Swap you can also enjoy the Ottawa Organic Farmers Market which is held each Saturday from 10:00AM till noon at Riverside United.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 15		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall
Worship & Music	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Library
Monday, November 16		
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Christie Lake Kids	4:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Kitchen & C.E. Hall
Christian Meditation	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, November 17		
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
Coffee Social	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Three Sisters Café
Christie Lake Kids	4:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Kitchen & C.E. Hall
Executive Council Meeting	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Zoom
Wednesday, November 18		
Active Artists	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Library
Thursday, November 19		
Pastoral Care Meeting	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
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 20		
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Art Show Setup	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Sanctuary /C.E. Hall
Saturday, November 21		
Art in the Neighbourhood	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Sanctuary /C.E. Hall
Sunday, November 22		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall