



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

August 25, 2019

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for
worship today.

Please note this is a scent free environment.
(*please rise in body or spirit)

Prelude:

Welcome, Announcements & Candles

**Gathering Hymn: VU 242 "Let All Things Now Living"*

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.**

- 2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

**Centering Time for Worship*

Answering the Call

**Invitation to Community*

The voice of Holy love has invited us here this day

We gather as people who have been called into community

A community that has a purpose:

To live and share the love of God

Feel the air around us and the Spirit within us

For truly the Holy is present

**Opening Prayer*

Great Spirit we are here this day to ask for energy, courage and hope.

Energy, to follow the call that you have given to each one of us; courage, to boldly walk in the shadow places of creation; hope, that we can make a difference. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**Hymn: VU 703 "In the Bulb there is a Flower"*

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

- 2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

Candles of Joy and Concern

No, No, No, Not Me!

Preparation for Proclamation: MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving
Spirit open my heart.**

Scriptures: Reader: David Stephenson
Jeremiah 1.4-10 Psalm 71, VU 789, Part One
Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17

Special Music: "The Gentle Stranger" – solo: Patti Shaw

Reflection

Not a Vacation, but a Vocation

**Hymn: VU 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me" vs 5*
**Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Minute for Mission:

Offering: (Please, come up and place your gift in the plate)

**Hymn of Presentation: VU 537 "Your Work, O God"*

**1 Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,**

**and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.**

- 2 Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.**

**Prayer of Dedication:*

**We give thanks Holy One that every day is a sabbath, and so may we
always offer our prayers and our passions, that you reign of peace and
justice may be made real. Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful & Lord's Prayer

**Hymn: VU 289 "It Only Takes a Spark"*

- 1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.**
- 2 What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees
are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.**
- 3 I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -
on God you can depend, it matters not where
you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top;
I want my world to know:**

**the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.**

Sending Forth

Remember that we are called

To pluck up that which does not bear fruit.

Remember that we are called

To pull down those things which burden souls.

Remember that we are called

To build and to plant seeds of hope, and seeds of change.

Concluding Rite: "Go Now in Peace" - Nancy Price & Don Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

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Postlude:

*An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada
We acknowledge that we live on the traditional territory
of the Mississauga People of the Anishnaabe Nation*

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir

Elevator: Kathy Gillis

Announcements – (deadline Wed. noon)

- Refreshments (lemonade) will be served after the service.
- Lectionary and Eggs will resume Sept. 12 but we need a new venue. Any ideas?
- Don's discussion group will also resume Sept. 10 Tues. Mornings at 10 a.m.
- Please inform the office of meeting time start-ups and new chairpersons as soon as possible so that we are on the same page. Thanks
- Choir members needed. We are down to 6. Thurs. rehearsals commence Sept. 5.
- Soundboard Training today after the service. If even slightly interested, please come.
- Anyone with power-point skills willing to create PPT for services, please connect with the office. Training available.
- Selling Gift Cards is an easy fund-raising activity for our church. If you are interested in taking on this job, in September, please leave your name at the church office.
- www.edge-ucc.ca -Conversations about clusters and networks. A ministry possibility? Check it out.
- www.united-church.ca has a lot of news and items of interest. Give it a click.
- Next week Service is at Mark Street United – 10:00 am