

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

February 3, 2019, The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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: "Peace to My Soul" - William Barnett

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn: VU #315 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Centering & Candle Lighting

**Invitation to Community*

One: We gather seeking God's guidance for our lives.

All: **We gather seeking wisdom and courage
so that we may walk in God's way.**

One: We gather seeking hope for a broken world.

All: **We gather seeking justice for all people.**

One: Come, let us worship God
in whose word we find abundant life.

One: Come, let us worship together!

Gathering Prayer

**Creator God, we gather in loving partnership
with you and one another**

to give thanks and seek inspiration for our lives.

**We thank you for the world you have made,
for the infinite varieties of people around us.**

**We thank you for the many opportunities
to make new relationships, to venture across new frontiers,
and to create new things and discover new truths.**

**We thank you for your call to participate
in healing what is hurt or broken.**

**Open us to the abundance of your grace
as we love and serve others.
Give us peace and joy
as we respond to your call to discipleship.
Amen.**

Candles of Joy and Concern

**Hymn: VU #376 "Spirit of the Living God"*

Worship with the Young at Heart

Preparation for proclamation: MV #167 "Hush, Hush"

**Hush! Hush! Somebody's callin' mah name. x2
Oh mah Lawd, Oh mah Lawd, what shall I do?**

Scriptures: Reader: Shelly Joyes

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 130 - *From Everyday Psalms, by James Taylor.*

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From the bottom of a deep black pit, God,
I call out to you.

**The walls rise above my head,
shutting out the sun.**

Can you hear me, God?

**I can't get out of here by my own efforts,
I've tried and tried.**

I climb part way out,
And then I slide back again to the bottom.

Without your help, I'm sunk forever!

Don't judge me - help me!

Free me from this prison.

Give me another chance!

I shall lie down here in the darkness and wait.

You are my only hope.

I shall wait for your response.

I know I will not be disappointed.

Put your hope in the Lord,
You will not be disappointed either.

God can free us from our darkness.

And heal us so we can begin again.

New Testament Reading: Mark 5:21-43

Anthem: "Heavenly Sunlight" - George Harrison Cook, arr. M. Hayes

Reflection: "Interruptions and Miracles"

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne MacFarlane

*Hymn: VU #120 "O Jesus I Have Promised"

Minute for Mission: Robert Moreton

Offering: "Soon and Very Soon" - Andrae Croutch

*Hymn of Presentation: VU #575

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" vs 1

**Prayer of Dedication*

**Compassionate God, we bring the labour of our hands
and the commitment of our hearts to you this day.**

Receive our intentions and our actions and bless them.

**We pray that your love and your understanding
will be experienced by others.**

And we pray that our lives will be renewed in your service.

Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful followed by Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: VU #589 "Lord Speak To Me"

**Sending Forth*

One: May the power of God inspire us.

All: May the peace of God enfold us.

One: May the compassion of God heal us.

All: May the faithfulness of God lead us onward.

One: So may we go forward as God's people
in this precious, precious world.

All: Amen.

**Concluding Rite: "This Little Light of Mine"*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine x3

Let it shine, let it shine, let it Shine. - Negro Spiritual

Postlude: "Praise and Honour the Highest Good" - J.L. Krebs

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Mary Anne MacFarlane

Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir

AV: Brian James

Powerpoint: Deb Donovan

Sunday School: Sue Masters

Refreshments: UCW

Ushers & Greeters: Susan Deeley, Joe Tompkins, Marg Byer, Sue Masters

Elevator: A. J. McNaught

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of the Mississauga People of the Anishnaabe Nation