

The loon, a welcome sight on Canada Day weekend, is actually found in many parts of the world. Nonetheless, this aquatic bird seems to fit our lake-laden Canadian landscape well. The one pictured on the cover looks poised to land or more likely take off—set free to find its way, by the spreading of its wings, from the watery home to which it was given, at least for a while.

We, too, are given to the waters of our baptismal faith, made disciples in order to, among other things, give cups of cold water away to those who need it. The Mission and Service Fund gives cups of cold water to many people and also seeks to preserve the waters and natural habitat of the loon, and other wonders of God's creation, through our support of environmental and creation-centred ministries. In our sharing we are, alongside the loon, set free, brought from death to life by spreading our wings in deeper discipleship of Jesus. In giving ourselves to such sharing, Jesus promises that we will know a reward beyond words, beyond any security found in riches. Thanks be to God for such a gift!

Welcome to members of

Trinity, St. James, Mark Street and Northminster

In Appreciation

Guest Minister – Rev. Bob Root

Refreshments - The Emmanuel Congregation

Flowers - In honour of Emmanuel's Second Anniversary

Special Music - Combined Choir, Jammin' Cats

Greeters - Joe Tompkins, Bob Green, Kathy Green,

Joyce Hawthorne, Leona Clark and Jim Glynn

AV - Lyn Miller



The Mission and Service
of The United Church of Canada:
God's Mission, Our Gifts

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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

*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*

July 1st Canada Day

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: Deep River – Jam Cats

Welcome and Announcements

*O Canada

*Acknowledgement of the Land

Centering Time for Worship

MV#14 Where Two or Three are Gathered

Bringing Light to the World

One: We follow the light we have

All: And pray for more light.

*Opening Hymn: VU#401 Worship the Lord

*Invitation to Community

As friends of Jesus,

we gather here today.

We have come from many places:

many homes, many churches

that we might be one community in Christ.

May our time together

bring us closer to the heart of God

and closer to one another.

Gathering Prayer

Loving God, you've called us and we've come.

We know our need to be in this place and we give you thanks that we are here.

We want to learn more about your love for us.

We want to feel the strength of those who have gone before us and whose presence surrounds us now.

We want to find courage for the living of our lives today.

We want to hear you speak to us in the quiet places of our hearts.

find their lives and loves belong.

Sing a new world into being,

sing as Christ inspires your song.

Sing a new world into being,

where each gender class and race.

Brings its rainbow gifts and colors

to God's limitless embrace.

Where the lines that once divided form

instead the ties that bind.

Sing a new world into being,

Risk transforming heart and mind.

Sing a new world into being,

where the homeless find a home.

Where no children ever hunger,

but are filled with God's shalom.

Where all people work for justice,

where all hate and vengeance cease.

Sing a new world into being,

raise the harmonies of peace.

Sing a new world into being,

Join the ancient prophets' cry.

For a time of health and plenty,

when all tears have been wiped dry.

When compassion flows like waters,

pouring balm for all who grieve.

Sing a new world into being,

live the promise you believe.

We want to live with joy and in service to others and to your creation.

We want a lot of things, God.

But, deep down,

we know that you know best for us.

So, most of all in this time, we want to be with you and to feel your love.

Hold us, bless us, touch us, that, when our worship is over, we may go out to be a blessing to everyone we meet.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Candles of Joy and Concern

*Hymn: MV#13 O Let the Power Fall on Me

Worship with the Young at Heart

Preparation for Proclamation: VU#951 Holy, Holy, Holy

Psalms 139 – VU#861 Reader: - Cliff McDonald

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Anthem: Family of Faith -Valerie MacKenzie

Reflection: **GOD'S PROMISE, GOD'S CALL**

Hymn: Sing a New World into Being -Mary Louise Bringle

Prayers of the Faithful -Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission -Penny Carson

Offering: Shall We Gather at the River - Jam Cats

*Hymn of Presentation: VU#538 For the Gift of Creation

Offertory Prayer:

*Hymn: MV#188 I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus

Mutual Commissioning:

We go out from this place,

sure of our place in the good heart of God.

We go out from this place,

knowing that God loves us

and will never leave us nor forsake us.

We go out from this place

to live our lives as fully as we can,

that we might bring blessing to others

and give thanks to God.

We go out from this place,

knowing that our love for God

is enough and more

and that God's presence will be with us.

always.

We go out from this place

in gratitude,

in hope,

in peace,

(Turning to one another)

And may you always know Christ is with you. Amen.

Concluding Hymn: MV#213 Take Up His Song of Peace

Postlude: Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel - Jam Cats



Sing a New World into Being -Mary Louise Bringle

Sing a new world into being,

sound a bold and hopeful theme.

Find a tune for silent yearnings,

lend your voice and dare to dream.

Dream a church where all who worship

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