



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

June 2, 2019

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
United Church of Canada Pride Sunday

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: "La Carita" - Rossini

Welcome, Announcements & Candles - A. J. McNaught

**Gathering Hymn: MV #145 "Draw the Circle Wide"*

Centering Time for Worship

Gathering to Celebrate

**Forming the Rainbow:*

Let us celebrate who each of us is

Regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity

All are made in the image and likeness of the Divine

All of us may not be part of the rainbow community

But we are not apart from it either

Let us celebrate holy love

**Opening Prayer:*

Holy One, who breathes life into each one of us,

and all of Creation, we give thanks

for the wonderful diversity of your Creation.

**Help us to hold one another closely, in love, compassion, and
celebration, that we may give thanks that we are all your children.**

In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen

Candles of Joy and Concern

Worship with the Young at Heart: - Robert Moreton

An Affirmation of Sexual Diversity

We affirm that each of us is made in the image and likeness of the Divine.

We affirm that we are beautiful souls wrapped in beautiful bodies.

We affirm that in the mystery of God's love we are called to mutuality and compassion.

We acknowledge the soul within us, striving to reach beyond the temporary into the eternal.

We acknowledge the presence of the Spirit moving among us, embracing each one of us into the passion of life.

We acknowledge the spark of the Divine inside those around us, offering us light and love.

We celebrate the mystery of sexuality,

We celebrate the power of love.

We celebrate the diversity within God's creation.

We affirm the many shapes and expressions of the spiritual within, about and around us. We give thanks to the Holy.

**Hymn: "We are a Rainbow" - David Kai; Tune: Slocan (see below)*

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,

We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,

We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel anymore,

We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

Chorus: We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,

For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,

Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,

Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.

We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many different threads,

Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,

God said, "Let there be light", created every varied shade,

In the rainbow each of us can find a place. Chorus:

**We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day,
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,**

We are love that blooms and grows in every heart. Chorus:

**When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
For our God will be with us on the way,**

**Hand in hand, side by side,
we won't be frightened any more,**

As the mourning night of tears breaks into day. Chorus:

It is my custom to name my hymn tunes after camps and ghost towns where Canadians of Japanese descent were interned during the Second World War. In this way I hope to ensure that these places will not be forgotten.

Celebrating Diversity

Preparation for Proclamation: MV #97 "Listen, God is Calling"

Scriptures: Reader: Cliff McDonald

1. Genesis 9:12–15
2. Psalm 86 (VU 803)
3. Galatians 3:26–29
4. Acts 8:26–40

Anthem: "Our Journey of Faith" - John Parker & Mark Hayes

Reflection

**Hymn: MV #161 "I Have Called You by Your Name" vs 4*

Living Diversity

Offering: "Make me a Channel of Your Peace"

**Hymn: VU #544 "In Gratitude & Humble Trust"*

**Prayer of Dedication*

**Holy One, in the diversity of these gifts
is reflected the wondrous diversity of Creation.
As all of us are made in your image and likeness,**

**we offer these gifts that all may be affirmed in their place
in your Creation. In the name of Jesus, who affirmed the
marginalized, we make this prayer. Amen**

Litany of Praise and Thanksgiving:

Phyllis Elvidge-Bell & Frankie Schilke

Your liberating voice has called us here

And we are counted among your holy people.

You have provided sanctuary for us

And we worship and pray in your expanding love.

You cradle us in the palm of your open hands

And we are raised up by you.

Your Spirit quenches the desert of our souls

And produces an abundance of gifts for us to share.

You show us your light in your sun

and your reflection in your moon

And we are called to bring your light into the depths of fear.

You bless us with all of the colours

And we believe in your rainbow covenant with us.

Your gift of community is celebrated in our midst

And we freely dance in the fire of your Spirit.

You bless us with the power of your peace

And we fall into your love.

You call us all your people

And we are your home.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

**Communion Hymn: VU #467 "One Bread, One Body"*

**The Peace*

Eucharistic Prayer: see insert

Fraction and Distribution

**Hymn: MV 138, "My Love Colours Outside the Lines"*

**Sending Forth: An Affirmation of Sexuality*

Jesus, like us, was a child of the Divine

Fully human, fully incarnate

He was fashioned by your hand in flesh

And we believe that our sexuality is part of your plan for us

We are all sexual beings

Proving that our sexuality comes

from a deep and fuller understanding

of who we are as your children

Let us celebrate who all of us are

For we are all children of the Divine!

**Concluding Rite:*

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,

live the promise you believe.

- Mary Louise Bringle and John Wyeth; tune: NETTLETON

Postlude: "March" - Handel

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw *Music:* Arlene Gray and the Choir

AV: Brian James/Bill Buwalda *Sunday School:* Sue Masters *Refreshments:* UCW

Elevator: Kathy Gillis *Ushers & Greeters:* Kathy Gillis, Ina Stenner & Leona Clark

Communion Servers: A.J. McNaught, Bill Gilbert, Stan VanNeste & Christine Lewis

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We acknowledge that we live on the traditional territory

of the Mississauga People of the Anishnaabe Nation