

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*

**May 27/18 Affirming Anniversary/
Trinity Sunday/Communion**



A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today.
Please....Scent free environment. (*please rise in body or spirit)

A special **Thank You** to **Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald** for leading us in Worship this morning.

Prelude: Panis Angelicus

-Cesar Franck /arr. Lee Ellis

*Opening Hymn: VU 218 We Praise You, O God

Welcome and Announcements followed by Centering Time

Bringing Light to the World

*Invitation to Community & Gathering Prayer

Sung Response MV 41 O Beautiful Gaia Refrain

In the grace of difference you, O God, have determined that each orchid opening in the morning light differs from every other. Each infant and creature born has a unique cry –known to its mother. No fingerprint matches another; each curled eyelash is different. Skin colours are rich and varied.

There are dozens of shades of green, yellow, blue; as many tones as the ear can hear; shapes and patterns yet to be invented. Diversity coaxes the emerging of limitless beauty still being defined.

Sung Response MV 41 O Beautiful Gaia Refrain

We know the scent of a warm cinnamon bun; the scent of the first lilac, of one we love. Our senses distinguish the heavy scent of clover and wolf willow; the freshness of an ocean breeze; the cleansing breath of spruce and pine; the rich odour of a summer marsh.

Each of our senses is capable of fine discriminations. We cannot imagine a world with one scent, one colour, only one note sounding. Goodness unfolds in a myriad of ways.

Sung Response MV 41 O Beautiful Gaia Refrain

Creatures crawl in the grass or soar on wings tiny and transparent or large and powerful. Life continues in ocean depth, arctic tundra, desert sand, mountaintop, and rainforest, as You have determined, O Creating One.

We cannot number the species, plants, trees or insects, nor comprehend their adaptive ways. Humans speak thousands of languages, and embrace many cultures, music, rhythms, and emotional expression. The survival of all Creation depends on the preservation of diversity.

Sung Response MV 41 O Beautiful Gaia Refrain

Yet this amazing diversity is sustained by its interdependence. Each unique manifestation depends on the contribution of the other to the whole.

So it is with the human race, O God. As we love the differences that define us, we will understand the meaning of right relationship with oneself, with others, and with the Earth itself. Teach us the openness that strengthens relationship.

Sung Response 41 MV O Beautiful Gaia Refrain

Candles of Joy and Concern

Worship with the Young at Heart

Preparation for Proclamation: VU 371 v2 Open My Ears

Scripture: Isaiah 6, Romans 12, Luke 10 -Reader: Doug Groves

Anthem: We Are a Rainbow

-David Kai

Reflection: "From Recall to ReCall"

Sung Response - 161 MV v. 1 I Have Called You By Name

Offering: Offertory in D

-Arlene Gray

*Communion Hymn: Walls Mark Our Boundaries

-Duck/Strathdee

Walls mark our bound'ries and keep us apart; walls keep the world from our eyes and our heart.

Tables are round, making room for one more, welcoming friends we had not known before.

So build us a table and tear down the wall! Christ is our host. There is room for us all!

Walls make us sure who is in and who's out; walls keep us safe from all question and doubt'

but at a table in open exchange, new ties are formed as our lives rearrange.
So build us a table ...

Once we were strangers, divided, alone. Hate and distrust built a wall stone by stone.

Now at a table the bread that we share joins us to Christ in a circle of care.
So build us a table ...

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Life-giving God, may we who gather at this table
live Christ's risen life;**

May we who share in this feast bring new life to others.

May we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
that we and all you people shall be free,
and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen.**

*Hymn: MV 209 Go Make a Difference

*Commissioning

*Sung Benediction: Go Now in Peace

-Besig/Price

Postlude: Blessed Trinity

-Elgar/arr. George Blake

Appreciation

AV: Brian James, Lyn Miller

Decoration: Affirm Committee

Refreshments: Soul Food

Greeters: Dave & Judy Stephenson

Communion: AJ mcNaught

Ina Stenner

Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

Leona Clark

Dan Kingdon

Martin & Susan Deeley

Elevator: Bill Atkinson