

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH



May 12, 2019

UCW & Christian Family 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: "Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt" - J. Pachelbel

Welcome, Announcements and Candle – A. J. McNaught and Frankie Schilke

**Gathering Hymn: VU #402 "We are One"*

**Passing the Peace*

**Call to Worship (read responsively) - Phyllis Elvidge-Bell*

Leader: We hear your call to be loving partners with you in the world.

All: We answer in faith and we respond in hope.

We hear your call to share our faith with others we meet.

All: We answer in faith and we respond in hope.

We hear your call to live creatively with all of creation.

All: We answer in faith and we respond in hope.

We gather in this time to listen as you continue to call us to be your hands and feet as we seek to fulfill our mission and our vision.

All: We turn to you, to learn your way and follow your path.

All: Loving creator, you call us from the pages of long ago to follow you.

You call us from our busy lives

to hear your voice in our noisy world.

And you call us to step into the future

in partnership with you and with all creation.

Be with us as we gather in this time of worship. Amen

UCW In Memoriam: - Anne Smith

God of time and eternity, we have gathered in your presence at this morning to honour the memories of those UCW women who lived among us and are gone on to eternity. In our knowledge of death, we stand in the presence of the incomprehensible. But we recognize your presence encompasses us in every phase of our lives, from birth to death, from to eternity. Therefore, we rejoice in the One who walks with us every step of our way, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

Litany:

Leader: We have come here to thank you God for our sacredness of life.

All: God of life, we have come to thank you for the sacredness of each one of us who are present here and the memories of those who no longer are in our midst.

Leader: God who is love; we thank you for the lives of those who have passed on into eternity.

All: Owner of our loves, we thank you for the hallowed moments they spent with their families, their church family, and the United Church Women's family.

Leader: God of comfort, we recognize the holes their absence has left among us-the holes of missing mothers, sisters and leaders.

All: God of healing, we recognize the void left in our mission work because of their absence.

Leader: We do believe that love is as strong as death.

All: and death does not have the final word.

Leader: Gift-giving God, those who have gone ahead of us touch us across the distance by the various gifts they have left behind for us.

All: Keeper and healer of memories, transform these memories into substance and healing for our spirit.

Leader: Risen Saviour, we are your people to carry on our journey, strengthened by your love and our love for one another.

All: Christ, our Resurrection and life, give us the grace to hallow life's span with love for you and love for each other in this pilgrim journey.

Time with the Young at Heart: - Penny Carson

**Hymn: VU #579 "The Church is Wherever..."*

Presentation of UCW Life Membership pins

Presbyterial President Jill Topping and Emmanuel UCW President Anne Smith

Life Membership being given to:

Pauline Shillinglaw, Judy Amsbury, Lyn Miller

ALL: UCW Purpose

To unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship, and service. Amen

**UCW Anthem - led by the Choir*

Kindred Spirits - by Wendy Maclean and Wanda Stride

Refrain: Praying together, praising together. We are a part of something larger. It's our connection. It's the glue that makes us kindred sisters. Makes us church with you.

1. Come and help out and cater. See you now and see you later. Find us serving, find us greeting, we are always at a meeting. In the cupboard, not the closet. Try new things and find your wings. R
2. Young at heart, young in spirit. Social justice see it! hear it! Saving pennies collecting labels, op'ning eyes, serving tables. Mission, fellowship and study across the land, from hand to hand. R
3. Helping church, helping others, blessed by God and our foremothers, who would value all the days spent on projects and the ways at the centre with good food. We're the heart, God bless our part. R

Scripture Readings: Acts 9: 36-43 - Joyce Hawthorne

Psalm 23 VU #747 - The Lord's my Shepherd

Reflection: - Anne Smith

**Hymn:* VU #600 "When I Needed a Neighbour"

Minute for Mission: - Frankie Schilke

Our Offerings for God's Work:

Offertory Music: "My Soul Magnifies the Lord" - J. G. Walther

**Offertory Hymn:* MV #191 "What Can I Do?"

Prayer of Dedication:

Holy and loving God bring calm to our lives this day. At times, we look at the problems of the world and feel that there is little difference we can make. What can our offerings in this congregation do in light of the turmoil, the hunger, the disease, and the pain in this world? At other times, we feel proud of ourselves for our generosity. As we give these gifts this day, O Lord, help us live in the tension between thinking we can do everything and fearing that we can do nothing. We give in faith and with faith, with our envelopes, PAR, our time and our talents. In the name of Jesus, who had nothing but possessed everything. Amen

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (paraphrased)

**Our dear God, who lives in heaven,
your name is very, very special and great.
You look after everyone who has died and everyone alive.
We want to live here on earth, with you,
just like you live in heaven.
Please give us all that we need to survive.
Sorry for all we've done wrong—please forgive us.
We will forgive everyone who has done wrong to us.
Please stop us wanting to do bad things and don't let anything bad
hurt us or make us want to fight back.**

**Help us to remember that you made this planet,
and us, and everything else on it.**

You are in charge of the world and will be forever. Amen. (*Jack, India,
and Harry of the Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, Elson*)

**Hymn: MV #209 "Go make a difference"*

**Commissioning & Benediction:*

**God of all good gifts, we bring our talents, our time, and our treasure
and we offer them in service to others. Be with us as we take up the
challenge to be your servant people in new and affirming ways. Lead
us into the future with hope and joy as we serve as your hands and
feet in this world, for we go in the sure knowledge that we are not
alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**UCW Closing Prayer:*

**And now, go with us, God into the days ahead.
Strengthen us for peace, give us wisdom, keep us humble,
And may we live and work together, and so striving,
Build a new and better world for tomorrow.
Amen**

**Choral Blessing:*

**Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-u-jah! (3 times)
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

Postlude: "Lord, as You Will" - F. W. Marpurg

In Appreciation

-Thanks to all the Emmanuel UCW members for their input and participation today.

-Thanks to UCW Presbyterial President Jill Topping

-Special words by Betty Turcott and Marion McComb-used with permission

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir *AV:* Brian James *Sunday School:* Sue Masters

Elevator: Bill Atkinson *Ushers & Greeters:* members of the Emmanuel UCW

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of the Mississauga People of the Anishnaabe Nation*