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

November 4, 2018 Communion

Minister: Rev. Don Uhryniw Music Director: Arlene Gray
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: "Lyric Piece"

- Susanna Keeney

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn: VU #242 "Let All Things Now Living"

Centering Time for Worship

Arriving with Horses and Chariots

Bringing Light to the Community

*Invitation to Community

Though tears flow for a night

The morning brings new joy.

We gather in the shining light of holy love

Caressed into the newness of a new day.

We will raise our voices in celebration

Because mourning has been turned into dancing.

Gathering Prayer

Healing, Holy One, who calls us to be this community of faith, touch our wounds, heal our hearts, open our eyes so in seeing all of your creation we will celebrate the blessing of difference. In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen

*Hymn: MV #156 Dance with the Spirit

Candles of Joy and Concern

Worship with The Young at Heart

Splish, Splash, I was taking a Bath

Preparation for Proclamation: MV # 175 "May We but Wait"

2 Kings 5.1-15a

Psalm 30, VU #757

Matthew 8.1-4

Anthem: "Come, Receive God's Blessing" - Besig/Price

REFLECTION

*Hymn: MV # 163 "River Running in You and Me"

Celebrating the Spiritual Soaking

Prayers of the Faithful

Minute for Mission: Sue Masters

Offering: "Adagio" - Thomas Arne; arr. G. Blake

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

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, give us the courage to go to strange places, see the beauty in new things, and to celebrate friends we have not yet made. Transform these gifts, and our hearts and hurts, so that we may be faithful people. Amen

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

*Hymn: VU #477 "I Come with Joy"

*The Peace

Communion Liturgy

There was a leper who came to Jesus and said

"Lord if you choose, you can make me clean".

But if the leper came to us, what would we say?

You are already clean.

For we are all clean

We are the work of the Holy, blessed and whole, Gifted and granted, children of creation

Jesus knew what was not clean

The grime of injustice, the filth of poverty,

The rust of tyranny, the open hole of hopelessness

But Jesus did things:

He cleaned up relationships, he invited the dirty to table, He shared with those who had nothing to share, He modelled for us equity.

That is why we gather around this table:

To remind us that all food is clean, To remind us that, together, we are all clean.

For in this fruit of the vine and produce of the earth

Is the pristine presence of Jesus:

Calling us into community, calling us into service, Calling us into the wholeness of compassion and care.

For we are one:

A community of faith and faithful,
Shining in the light of Divine love.
We are called to cleanse the dirt that is hate,
The rottenness of intolerance and bigotry,
The slime of racial intolerance.

We are all clean:

No matter who we love, no matter what we believe,

We are all clean.

And so, we come around this table
The table where Jesus offered a shining vision:

This is my body.

The table where Jesus offered a new relationship:

This is my blood.

So, in this shared time we can see a glimmer of the bright vision, We can share the hope of a world free of injustice,

We can live and walk with integrity, Knowing that we are all clean, cleansed and whole.

Thee is no imperfection

But only the perfection of Holy love.

May this be so,

Forever and ever.

- D. Uhryniw 2018

The Eucharistic Prayer Fraction and Distribution

*Concluding Rite: MV #213 "Take Up His Song"

Postlude: "Dream" - Thomas Filas

In Appreciation

Refreshments: David Darling and Robert Moreton

Scriptures: Phyllis Nelson

AV: Lyn Miller

Minute for Mission: Sue Masters

Elevator: Larry Ferguson

Ushers and Greeters: Kathy Gillis, Joan Bark, Bill Gilbert

Communion: Ina Stenner, AJ McNaught, Anne Smith, Joan Bark, Jacque

Robinson, Robert Moreton

Next Weeks Scriptures:

Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

Psalm 90

Matthew 9:13