

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

October 13, 2019 Thanksgiving Sunday

The Sixth Sunday in Creation Time

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: "We Gather Together" (Kremser) - Franklin Ritter

Welcome, Announcements & Lighting of the Candles

**Gathering Hymn: VU 516 "Come You Thankful People" vs 1, 2*

- 1 **Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in, safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide for our needs to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home!**
- 2 **All the world is God's own field, harvests for God's praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown, here for joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**Centering Time for Worship*

Gathering to Give Thanks

**Invitation to Community*

The Lord is near

We have seen Holy signs and wonders

We pause briefly from our wandering

And we gather to do wondering

Much has been given to us

And we give thanks

**Gathering Prayer*

God of the harvest, Creator of hope, you paint your creation in beautiful colours and cool breezes. We have gathered to give thanks for all that we have, and we have gathered to grow hope for those who have little. In the name of Jesus, the bread of life, we make this prayer. Amen

**Hymn: VU 520 "We Plough the Fields"*

**1 We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.**

**Refrain: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.**

**2 You only are the maker of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower; you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children, you give us daily bread. R**

**3 We thank you then, O Maker, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
and, what from us you long for, our humble, thankful hearts. R**

Candles of Joy and Concern

A Wandering/Wondering Aramean

Preparation for Proclamation: MV 135 "Called by Earth and Sky"

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high. This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky.

Scriptures: Reader: Shelly Joyes

Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Psalm 100 (sung) VU 820

Philippians 4.4-9 John 6.25-35

Special Music: "A Song of Thanksgiving" - Sue Farrar

Reflection

Response: MV 136 "When Hands Reach Out" vs 1, 3 & 5

1. When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face,

we thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.

3. When broken bodies will not mend, we thank you, God, for Christ our Friend.

In him, our healing can begin: he welcomes all the wounded in.

5. Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise.

When all are joined as one, we'll be your able, strong community.

Being Living Signs and Wonders

Minute for Mission: Christine Lewis

Offering: "Teach Me, O Lord" - Thomas Attwood

**Hymn of Presentation:* VU 537 "Your Work, O God"

- 1. Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.**
- 2. Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.**

**Prayer of Dedication:*

We return these gifts from the abundance we have received; we offer these gifts out of gratitude; we bless these gifts that they may be to the glory of God. Amen

Prayers of the Faithful: Thanksgiving Prayer

God, giver of all good,

you continually pour your benefits upon us.

Age after age the living wait upon you and find

that your faithfulness has no end, that your care is unending.

We praise you that the mystery of life is a mystery of infinite goodness.

We praise you for the order and constancy of nature;

for the beauty and bounty of the earth;

for day and night, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest; for the

varied gifts of loveliness which every season brings.

We give you thanks for all the comfort and joy of life,

for our homes, for our friends, and for all the love, sympathy, and goodwill of all people. Amen.

—from *Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada* (UCPH, 2000)

**Hymn: VU 518 "As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought"*

- 1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield; so we today our first-fruits bring: the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**
- 2 A world in need now summons us to labour, love, and give, to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed, by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.**
- 3 With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you, not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbours too. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

Sending Forth

The Peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Concluding Rite: "Go Now in Peace" - Nancy Price & Don Besig

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.**

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Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God" – arr. Lani Smith

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir *Sound:* Ted Shaw

Ushers & Greeters: Kathy Gillis, Barb Cameron, &

Shirley Walton *Elevator:* Kathy Gillis

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