

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

October 6, 2019



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Fifth Sunday in Creation: World Communion 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: "Arise, Shine" – Sir George Elvey

Welcome, Announcements & Lighting of the Candles

**Gathering Hymn: VU 312 "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"*

1. Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace, source and end of human knowledge, God whose grace shall never cease. Celebrate the Maker's glory, power to rescue and release.

2. Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, frees the captive, finds the lost, heals the sick, upsets religion, fearless both of fate and cost.

Celebrate Christ's constant presence: friend and stranger, guest and host.

3. Praise the Spirit sent among us, liberating truth from pride, forging bonds where race or gender, age or nation dare divide. Celebrate the Spirit's treasure: foolishness none dare deride.

4. Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, one God in community, calling Christians to embody oneness and diversity.

This the world shall see reflected: God is One and One in Three.

**Centering Time for Worship*

Coming out of the Land of Egypt

**Invitation to Community*

Take a break from Pharaoh

We have begun the exodus from slavery

We are all attached to things

Things that do not matter

But we are also attached to things that do matter

The love of God and the call to share that love

**Gathering Prayer*

God of the past, Creator of the present, Spirit of the future: you call us out from those things that are hollow, things that are insignificant, things that are false. We pray for your presence to embrace us as we gather as your faithful, so we may fulfill your commandment to love you and yours.

Amen

**Hymn: VU 310 "God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty"*

- 1 God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew;
with your Spirit recreate me pure, and strong, and true.**
- 2 Like your springs and running waters, make me crystal pure;
like your rocks of towering grandeur, make me strong and sure.**
- 3 Like your dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and free;
like the straightness of the pine trees let me upright be.**
- 4 Like the arching of the heavens lift my thoughts above;
turn my dreams to noble action, ministries of love.**
- 5 Like the birds that soar while singing, give my heart a song;
may the music of thanksgiving echo clear and strong.**
- 6 God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart anew;
keep me ever by your Spirit pure, and strong, and true.**

Candles of Joy and Concern

Hear, O Israel...

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: A. J. McNaught

Deuteronomy 5.1-21, 6.4-9

Psalms 81, VU 796 refrain 1 **Sing out with Joy to God our strength**

Mark 12.28-34

Special Music: "Come Find Forgiveness and Love" - Besig/Price

Reflection

**Hymn of Response:* MV 79 "Spirit Open My Heart"

Chorus: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. Chorus

Being in the Kingdom of the Divine

Minute for Mission: Bev Boomer

Offering: "Prelude" - Hesse

**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:*

May these offerings be our response to your commandment to love one another. We pray that you accept the offerings of hearts and hands that all may be liberated from slavery. Amen

Prayers of the Faithful: Litany of Commitment

—to mark the full communion agreement between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and The United Church of Canada on World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2019

With these words, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and The United Church of Canada declare what we already know to be true: that we are one

body in Christ. Please join in making our commitment to be in full communion.

Will we work with other people of goodwill who are committed to compassion, peace, and justice?

Yes, with God's help.

Will we acknowledge each other as belonging to the body of Christ in all places and at all times?

Yes, with God's help.

Will we worship together, proclaiming the gospel and sharing in the waters of baptism and the bread and cup of Jesus?

Yes, with God's help.

Will we recognize and support those whom we have set apart for the service of ministry?

Yes, with God's help.

Will we serve the needs of all creation in mutual trust and dedication in order to be a blessing in the world?

Yes, with God's help.

Will we seek opportunities to learn and engage in service together as a means of strengthening each other in commitment to our common faith and purpose?

Yes, with God's help.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

**Communion Hymn: VU 460 "All Who Hunger"*

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

**3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

Communion Prayer: **“All My Relations”**: World Communion Sunday
All my relations are called to this table
**We, the children of the earth, the children of the Divine
Come to share this celebration of love.**
For as long as the rivers flow our Creator has walked with us.
**Even before the foundation of the sky
have we been held in the Divine hands.**
So on this day we remind ourselves
**That the world is God’s creation
And in this creation live all my relations;**
And so as we do with all families
**We share this meal together.
We share it with those who are here,
We share it with those who are far away,**
For all of creation is my relation.
**The sea and the stars, the deep waters and the earth,
The animals, the grass, the trees and the wind
Are all my relations.**
And so in this meal we give thanks:
**Thanks for the produce of the earth,
Thanks for the fruit of the labours of so many.
For all my relations are called to this table**
In the name of the one who was between heaven and earth
**Nailed to a cross
By those who would not have him as one of their relations.**
So when we do not treat each other as children of the Divine
**We cannot see who our relations are.
Then we fracture the wholeness of creation**

Shatter relationships

Violate the body of Christ.

For in all of creation is all my relations.

So on this day all my relations are called to this table

Where Jesus offers nurture, affirmation, love

For all my relations

And he took a loaf,

Made from the earth, offered a blessing and said,

This is my body.

He took a cup and sharing it said,

This is my blood.

And so he offered his life

For all my relations

To give us eternal life

For longer than the rivers will flow

For ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction and Distribution

Duet during Communion: "Pie Jesu" – Andrew Lloyd Webber

– Shelly Joyes & Arlene Gray

**Hymn: VU 378 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" 1, 2, 4*

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;

wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;

stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,

and make me love you as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,

no sudden rending of the veil of clay,

no angel visitant, no opening skies,

but take the dimness of my soul away.

4 Teach me to love you as your angels' love,

one holy passion filling all my frame,

the baptism of the heaven-descended dove,

my heart an altar and your love the flame.

Sending Forth

We have been liberated

Liberated from the greed of Pharaoh

We have been sent on a journey

A journey to heal those who are still slaves

Go off into the wilderness

That we may find the presence of the Holy in others

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: "In Remembrance" - John M. Rasley

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir

Sound: Ted Shaw

Ushers & Greeters: Kathy Gillis, Ted Shaw, Bill Gilbert, Jacquie Robinson;

Elevator: Bill Atkinson

Communion Servers: Jessica Stockton, Christine Lewis,

Joe & Gloria Tompkins

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We acknowledge that we live on the traditional territory of the
Mississauga People of the Anishnaabe Nation*

