

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*

September 16, 2018

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: “Andante Espressivo” - Johann Jakob Froberger

Welcome and Announcements

Bringing Light to the World - lighting of candles

Centering Time for Worship

Call to Worship: Come into this holy time, this holy place
With all your joys and sorrows,
Your hopes and fears, your doubts and beliefs.

**We come into this sanctuary
so that we may join together
in worshipping the One who is
loving . . . compassionate . . . generous . . . just.**

Come, let us wonder and worship together –

**We come risking faith and daring hope
As Friends and Followers of the Way of Jesus.**

*Opening Hymn: MV #1 “Let Us Build A House”

Gathering Prayer: **Loving God, be patient with us now
As we gather here – exactly as we are –
Pieces of ourselves still trailing behind –
Still scattered, preoccupied, anxious
Longing to be gathered
Into your calming, clarifying Presence.**

Sung Response:

VU #400 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**Forgiving God, be merciful with us now
As we gather – exactly as we are –
Aware of sharp edges and words,
Hurtful actions, Missed opportunities . . .
Needing to be held
Into your forgiving, freeing Presence.**

Sung Response: VU #400

**Living God, be present with us now
As we gather – exactly as we are –
Open to encounter you in one another –
Especially those who do not mirror
Our face or our context . . .
Ready to be called and led,
Into your awakening, empowering Presence.**

Sung Response: VU #400

Assurance of God's Love

*Hymn: VU #371 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Candles of Joy and Concern

Worship with the Young at Heart

Prayer for illumination: Cliff McDonald

All: Wise and Wonderful God – as we listen now to the witness of scripture, open our minds to hear your Word; open our hearts to trust your Word; open our lives to live your Word through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scriptures: Cliff McDonald James 3:13 - 18;
Psalm 15: VU #736; Mark 6:30 - 44

Anthem: “Thank You God for Water, Soil and Air”
- words Brian Wren; music Ron Klusmieier

Reflection: *Risking Faith & Daring Hope – at GC43 and Beyond*
**Corporate Profession of Faith*

A New Creed: VU page 918

*Hymn: MV #172 “God Says”

Minute for Mission: Shelly Joyes

Offering: “Sarabande” - Arcangelo Corelli

*Hymn of Presentation MV #191 “What Can I Do?”

***Offertory Prayer: Gracious and Generous God, accept these gifts we offer and with them our lives. Pour out your spirit on all that we share of what we have and who we are that your Will may be done and your Vision fulfilled in and through each one of us, this community of faith and the wider church. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: MV #209 "Go Make A Difference"

**Commissioning & Benediction:*

Postlude: "Assurance" - Robert J. Hughes

The prayers in today's worship service are drawn and adapted from Gathering - A Prayer Resource for the 43rd General Council, 2018.

Worshipping with us and preaching today is retired United Church minister, the Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald who volunteered with the GC43 Worship Team and is currently serving as a member of the Region 11 Transition Commission, representing Four Winds Presbytery.

In Appreciation for Service help

Music: Arlene Gray and the Choir

AV: Deb Donovan and Brian James

Refreshments: Renewal Committee

Ushers: Susan Deeley, Joe Tompkins, Marg Byer, Sue Masters

Elevator: A. J. McNaught