

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 30, 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: "Come Christians, Join to Sing" - arr. B. S. Mayo

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Hymn: VU #216 "Sing Praise to God"

Centering Time for Worship (From Psalm 84)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Bringing Light to the World

*Invitation to Community

O sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord all the earth.

Sing to the Lord;

bless God's name;

tell of God's grace from day to day.

For great is our Maker and greatly to be praised:

God is to be worshipped above all gods.

Amen and Amen.

Gathering Prayer

What a joy it is, O God, to come to this holy place

to sing songs of praise to you,

to give you thanks and to hear your ever-new Word.

We are overcome by your grace and goodness to us;

you sustain us and nourish us and guide us and guard us.
Blessing upon blessing you shower upon us.
And so we join with your whole creation
in singing your praise:

**"Holy, holy, holy Lord: God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hallelujah! Amen!**

Hymn: VU #293 "We Praise You, Creator"

Candles of Joy and Concern

Conversation with the Young at Heart

Hebrew Testament Numbers 11: 4-6; 10-16; 24-29

Psalm (*refrain 1*) Psalm 124 VU p. 848

The Gospel Mark 9: 38-50

Special Music: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" - Temple/Barnard

Reflection: "Whose Gospel Is It?" The Rev. Eilert Frerichs

Hymn: VU #334 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Prayers of the Faithful -The Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Minute: -Brian James

Offering: "Thou Art to be Praise" – Arthur Sullivan

*Presentation: VU #537 "Your Work, O God "

Offertory Prayer (*said together*)

**Holy One, we thank you for the abundance that surrounds us:
community, friendship and security.**

Let our offering today be a sign of our eagerness to share

your love and goodness with all your children today and always. Amen.

Hymn: VU #582 "There's A Spirit in the Air"

Commissioning and Blessing

This world is not God-forsaken,

abandoned to futility and destruction.
God has not failed: we are in God's realm already.
Therefore, let us live the Good News:
care for the sick and suffering,
feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
struggle against injustice, care for the earth,
so that others will see the Word taking flesh
and believe the Good News.
Go with the blessing of God. **Amen.**

Postlude: "Jesus, Name Above All Names" - Hearn/Wilson

Music: Arlene Gray and the choir
Scriptures: Phyllis Nelson
AV: Brian James and Deb Donovan
Refreshments: Leona Clark
Elevator: Larry Ferguson
Ushers and Greeters: Kathy Gillis, Ted Shaw,
Joyce Hawthorne & Marie Harding

Thanksgiving Scriptures:

1 Chronicles 16 – selected verses
Psalm 145: VU#866
Luke 17:11-19