

# 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 9, 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)

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Prelude: "Prelude in C Major" - W. Volckmar

*Welcome and Announcements*

\*Opening Hymn: VU#222 "Come Let Us Sing"

*Bringing Light to the World* - lighting of candles

*Centering Time for Worship*

One: As we gather for worship seeking God, let us remember that God is seeking us. (moment of silence)

**All: The Living Water that Jesus gives us will satisfy our thirst!** (John 4:14 paraphrased)

*Gathering at the Life-Giving Spring*

*Call to Worship*

One: We come to you, O God River of Life.

**All: May we drink deeply and receive your grace.**

One: We come to you O God, Rock of Ages.

**All: May we stand in trust and receive your strength.**

One: We come to you O God, source of compassion.

**All: May we open our hearts  
and receive your healing love.**

*Prayer of Confession* (celebrating God's presence pg. 33)

**ALL: GIVER OF LIFE in the midst of plundered earth  
we groan with creation. Have mercy on us.  
GIVER OF LIFE in the midst of poisoned waters  
we groan with creation. Have mercy on us.  
GIVER OF LIFE in the midst of polluted air,  
we groan with creation. Have mercy on us.  
GIVER OF LIFE in the midst of mountains of waste,  
we groan with creation. Have mercy on us.  
GIVER OF LIFE we have become complacent about your gifts  
of water, air and food. Have mercy on us.  
GIVER OF LIFE we, who are made in the image of God,  
have gone astray and creation groans with us.  
Have mercy on us. O God forgive us.  
Empower us to change our ways. Amen**

*Words of Assurance (celebrating God's Presence)*

One: The God who challenges us is also  
the God who encourages us.  
The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.  
Be assured that God is with us even now,  
accepting, guiding, forgiving and empowering us.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn: MV#87 "Water Flowing from the Mountain"

Candles of Joy and Concern

*Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer*

*Worship with the Young at Heart* (learn a new song)

**Jesus gave her water  
That was not in the well,  
Gave her living water,  
And she went forth to tell.  
She went away singing  
And came back bringing  
Others for the water  
That was not in the well.**

*Ministry of the Word*

*Prayer for illumination*

**All: Loving God, you seek us out. We thank you.**

**Open our hearts and minds by the power of your holy spirit that as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed we may hear what you are saying today. Amen**

(adapted from celebrating God's Presence pg. 44)

Thanks be to God.

*Scriptures:*

Numbers 20: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12:12

Psalm 42: VU#766 "As the Deer Pants" - sung

Anthem: "Fill My Cup Lord" - Richard Blanchard

Reflection: "*The Woman at the Well*"

John 4:3-30; 39-42

\*Hymn: VU#626 "I heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Offering: "Drinking at the Springs of Living Water" J.W. Peterson

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

*\*Offertory Prayer*

**Ever present God, with this offering we present also ourselves, all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become and our resolve to walk in your way.**

**Accept us and our offerings for Jesus sake. Amen**

*Transfer of Membership (participants please come forward)*

Introduction of New Member: Gillian Hall

*Statement of Purpose*

The church is a community of people with varied gifts, united by the Holy Spirit.

We gather to celebrate God's presence,  
to discern God's truth,  
and to follow the way of Jesus.

**By our baptism we are made members of Christ's church.**

**We exercise this membership**

**in the denomination to which we belong,**

**which for us is The United Church of Canada,**

**and within the context of our local community of faith.**

We now welcome into this congregation Gillian Hall,  
who is also a member of the church of Jesus Christ.

*Presentation*

**Representative of the Congregation:**

On behalf of Emmanuel United Church

I present Gillian Hall

whom we welcome into the membership  
of this community of faith.

Gillian has been a loyal member of St Paul's Presbyterian Church and has been attending this congregation for the last 2 years.

*Commitment of New Member*

**Leader:**

Gillian, will you join with us as together  
we celebrate God's presence,  
live with respect in creation,  
love and serve others,  
seek justice and resist evil?

**Gillian: I will, with God's help.**

***\*Congregational Commitment***

*(Congregation, please stand as able)*

**Leader:**

Dear friends in Christ,  
let us pledge to Gillian our support and care.

**Congregation:**

**As your brothers and sisters in Christ,  
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.  
We pledge to you our love and our support.  
With God's help, we will together live out  
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.  
*(please remain standing)***

***\*Corporate Profession of Faith***

**A New Creed VU page 918**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,  
the word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.

**Leader:**

Gillian, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities  
of membership in this congregation.

We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

(Representatives greet Gillian)

**Leader:**

The grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you.

**AMEN**

*\*Closing Hymn: VU#630 "O Christ, in Thee My Soul" vs 1&3*

*\*Blessing:*

One: As we go forth, let us give thanks and glory to God.

**All: Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen**

(from Celebrating God's Presence pg.17)

Postlude: "Andante in D Major" - L. Bottazzo

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**Thought for the Day:** The Central fact in a time of worship is not that we are seeking God but that God is seeking us. Often God contrives to find means of breaking into us.

(p. 527 The Interpreters Bible, vol. 8; Isaiah 65:1,2,4)

### **We Appreciate**

Worship leader: Rev. Jessica Beecham Stockton

Music: Arlene Gray and the choir

Scriptures: Jim Glynn

PowerPoint: Brian James

Refreshments: Lyn Miller, Sue Masters

Elevator: Kathy Gillis

Ushers: Joan Bark, Bill Gilbert, Susan Deeley