

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

September 22, 2019

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost; The Third 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: "Jesu, meine freude" – Johann Gottfried Walther

Welcome, Announcements & Lighting of the Candles

**Gathering Hymn: MV 30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"*

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea.

**Refrain: And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar.

It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore. R

It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along.

It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the summer breeze joins the song. R

It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things.

It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings. R

**Centering Time for Worship*

Coming In from Out of the Wilderness

**Invitation to Community*

The season is changing all around us

Yet God remains ever the same

We gather to discover new things about the Holy

We gather to discover new things about ourselves

Come and let us wrestle with our faith

That as a community of faith we may grow together

**Gathering Prayer*

We call upon you God and ask that you listen to our prayers. Give us the courage to discern, to change, to try the unknown and help us to remember that it may be unknown to us, but nothing is unknown to you. In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen

**Hymn: MV 98 "Like a River of Tears"*

**1. Like a river of tears your love pours upon us;
like a sunshine of blessing your grace will sustain us;
like a star-studded sky your spirit shines o'er us,
renewing our spirits with courage and faith.**

**2. Like a bird in free flight by windows around us;
like a wind in the forest that breathes life among us;
like a phoenix that's rising from ashes around us,
renewing our spirits with vision and grace.**

**3. Like a pillar of cloud you promise to guide us;
like a bright fiery bush you come to speak to us;
like a calm cooling breeze your spirit breathes in us,
renewing our spirits with loving embrace.**

**4. Like a lover's caress your spirit revives us;
like a song of the soul you come to be with us;
like a payer of the heart you heal and restore us,
renewing our spirits, the future to face.**

Candles of Joy and Concern

**Being Spiritual Wrestlers, or
Getting Body Slammed by the Spirit**

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: Penny Carson

Genesis 32.9-12, 22-30

Psalms 17, VU 739

Mark 14.32-36

Special Music:

Reflection

**Hymn: VU 424 vs 2 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"*

- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Living in the Face of the Divine

Minute for Mission: Shelly Joyes

Offering: "Fugato" – Georg Goltermann

**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 offer these gifts and we offer our struggles as we pray and strive to
make all of creation whole. Amen**

Prayers of the Faithful followed by the Lord's Prayer

**Hymn: VU 559 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"*

- 1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.**
- 2 Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,**

come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger, precious presence, precious blood.

**3 O, to grace how great a debt or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for your very own.**

Sending Forth

Be prepared to wrestle with demons

Demons of injustice, racism, hate

Be brave and face the task before

For we must try to see the face of God

Remember:

We do not do this work alone

but together as a community of faith

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: "Musette" - Handel

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

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

Ushers & Greeters: Kathy Gillis, Joe Tompkins, Marg Byer,
& Sue Masters

Elevator: A. J. McNaught

Important Future Dates: Parlour Talk Oct. 6

Congregational Meeting Nov. 3

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