

# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

September 8, 2019

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The First 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)

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*Prelude: "Open My Eyes, That I Might See" - arr. D. H. Hegarthy*

Welcome, Announcements & Lighting of the Candles

*\*Gathering Hymn: VU 409 "Morning Has Broken"*

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!**

*\*Centering Time for Worship*

**At the Beginning...**

*\*Invitation to Community*

We have gathered

**To be touched by the Holy**

In this community

**We are the hands and feet and heart of Christ**

Step into the sacred story  
**For that is our story as well**

*\*Gathering Prayer*

**Great Creator, you have fashioned us in your image, you have made us a little less than Divine. We pray that your Divinity touch us in our time together, that we may be made anew, and ready to follow your call. In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen.**

*\*Hymn: VU 296 "This is God's Wondrous World"*

- 1 This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks & trees, of skies & seas, God's hand the wonders wrought.**
- 2 This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass, God's voice speaks  
everywhere.**
- 3 This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!**

*Candles of Joy and Concern*

*Worship with the Young at Heart*

### **Can't See the Forest for the Trees?**

*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:*

Genesis 2.4b-25

Mark 1.16-20

Reader: Rev. Jessica Stockton

Psalm 8, VU 732

*Special Music: "Fill My Life, O Lord My God"* - R. J. Powell

Reflection

### **Called to Follow**

*\*Hymn: VU 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me" vs 5*

**Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

*Moment for Mission: Update on Tents*

*Offering: "Bless the House"* - Natalie Jenne

*\*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:*

**Take these gifts we offer and create anew with the them. Take the talents we offer to repair a broken creation. Take our time we offer, so that all may live in eternity. Amen.**

*Prayers of the Faithful*

*\*Hymn: VU 507 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

- 1 Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free, make ploughshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love & peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.**
- 2 God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud, we sow not peace but strife,  
our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.**
- 3 Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,**

**with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.**

- 4 May we in service to our God act out the living Word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.**

*Sending Forth*

You have been made a little less than Divine

**We will strive to do holy work**

Take your place in creation

**We will be with the moon and the stars**

Remember:

**We have been called to follow Jesus.**

*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: "Trusting Jesus"* - Ira Sankey; arr. Lani Smith

### **In Appreciation**

*Minister:* All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw

*Music:* Arlene Gray and the Choir      *Elevator:* Kathy Gillis

*Ushers & Greeters:* Kathy Gillis, Bill Gilbert, Jacquie Robinson

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