

# 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*

**Thanksgiving / World Wide Communion  
October 7, 2018**

*Minister: Rev. Don Uhryniw (Incumbent)*

*Music Director: Arlene Gray*

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: "Now Thank We All Our God" – arr. Lani Smith

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Bringing Light to the World - lighting of candles*

*Centering Time for Worship*

*Call to Worship*

Come, let us honour God revealed in this world  
and its web of life.

**We gather to rejoice in this harvest season  
of abundant love.**

Come, let us acknowledge the blessings  
of this unfolding season.

**We gather to celebrate with thanksgiving**

Come let us worship.

**We gather to join heart and voice in prayer and praise.**

\*Opening Hymn: VU #516 "Come Ye Thankful People"

*Gathering Prayer*

**Gracious and Generous God, on this Thanksgiving Sunday we thank you  
for the beauty and bounty that surrounds us. We pray that you will  
speak to us not only during worship, but beyond these walls, in and**

through Creation. Open our ears and hearts that we may truly listen to your world. Nurture within and among us gratitude and compassion for all our non-human and human relations who, like us, depend on Creation for life.

Merciful God, we confess that we too easily abuse your gifts of Creation through arrogance, ignorance, and greed. Too often we are unaware of how deeply we have hurt your good earth, its precious gifts, and its marvelous peoples. Forgive us, we pray that we may increasingly come to love your Creation and all our human and non-human relations living within Creation as we increasingly come to love you. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love*

\*Hymn: VU #427 "To Show By Touch and Word"

Candles of Joy and Concern

*Worship with the Young at Heart*

*Ministry of the Word*

*Prayer for illumination:* - Reader - John Jull

**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:* - Reader - John Jull

Psalm 145: VU #866

1 Chronicles 16 – selected verses

Luke 17:11-19

Anthem: MV #185 "Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving"

Reflection: - Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering:

\*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**

*Communion*

\*Communion Hymn: VU #460 “All Who Hunger”

*Invitation*

*Great Thanksgiving*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to almighty God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank you, God,  
because you are loving and just.  
You treat all people with fairness.  
You challenge us to do the same . . .

. . . Jesus taught us to love one another,  
challenging us to be open  
to new ways of seeing, hearing,  
and living your love.

And so with your faithful people  
in all times and places,  
we say this song of praise:

***Spoken:* Holy, Holy, Holy  
God of majesty and mystery -  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.**

## **Hosanna in the Highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

Even when the world rejected Jesus  
he continued to feed others . . .

. . . And so, gracious God,  
your church in all times and places  
continues to share this meal,  
remembering how much you love us  
and proclaiming the mystery of faith:

***Spoken:* Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon this meal,  
and upon us  
that we may be fed by your love and your word,  
and go from this place refreshed and renewed  
by your spirit.

***Spoken:* Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Sharing the Bread and Cup - Ushers come forward*

*Responding to God's Love*

*Prayer after Communion*

**Life-giving God, may we who share this bread**

**live Christ's risen life;**

**May we who drink from this cup**

**bring new life to others.**

**May we whom the Spirit lights**

**give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**that we and all your people shall be free,  
and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen.**

*\*Closing Hymn:* VU #601 “The Church of Christ In Every Age” – tune  
Wareham

*\*Commissioning & Benediction:*

Postlude: “Andante” (Organ Sonata #6) - Felix Mendelssohn

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### ***In Appreciation***

AV: Brian James

Communion Servers: AJ McNaught, Dave Stephenson, Leona Clark,  
John Jull, Christine Lewis

Sanctuary Decoration: Shelly Joyes, Kathy Gillis

Special Music: Patricia Remy, John Jull

Elevator: Kathy Gillis

Ushers/Greeters: Joan Bark, Bill Gilbert

Refreshments: UCW

Scriptures for Oct. 14:

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22; Mark 10: 17-32.

This morning we welcome back retired United Church minister, Elizabeth Macdonald who, for 14 years, served the first Affirming ministry in Bay of Quinte Conference, Sydenham Street United Church in Kingston as an out married Lesbian.

