

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 Anishinaabe Nation*

April 22, 2018 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Earth Sunday

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: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Conrad Cocher/Cota

Simple Gifts (A Shaker Melody)

Arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

Thank You! Emmanuel Bells

*Opening Hymn: VU #600 *When I Needed a Neighbour*

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Time for Worship

Bringing Light to the World

Honouring the Work of the Divine

Invitation to Community

The foundation of the earth is the power of the Divine,

The power to create, re-create, resurrect.

Know that the earth is part of creation,

A creation that is beyond our imagining.

Celebrate this gift given to us,

That we may cherish it for generations to come.

Gathering Prayer

**Easter God, you call us to be light where there is shadow;
hope where there is hopelessness.**

**In the face of adversity and power give the psalms to sing,
that we may be joined together in the power of your music
each and every day. In the name of Jesus, raised from the dead,
we make this prayer. Amen.**

*Hymn: MV #41 *O Beautiful Gaia*

Candles of Joy and Concern

Worship with the Young at Heart

The Prayer of Jesus VU #916 (spoken)

You Call This a Good Time?

Preparation for Proclamation: VU #371 *Open My Eyes* (vs. 2)

**Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.**

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Acts 16.16-34

Psalm 24, VU #751

Luke 6.17-26

Anthem: *Look at the World*

John Rutter

Reflection

Response: MV #89 (vs.1)

**Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

Minute for the Earth

Offertory: *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Charles H. Gabriel/Berry

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

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Communion Hymn: MV #194 *Bread of Life, Feed My Soul*

The Peace

The Communion Prayer

Fraction and Distribution

*Hymn: VU #222 *Come, Let Us Sing*

Sending Forth

Liberate the incarcerated,

We will open prison doors.



Sing hope in the face of shadow,

We will be the melody of love.

Share the Good News: **Christ is Risen indeed!**

Concluding Rite: MV #212 *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.**

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.

O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

Postlude: *Go Forth in Triumph*

Franklin Ritter

WE APPRECIATE

AV: Brian James

Minute for the Earth: Sunday School

Scriptures: Meredith Marsh

Elevator/Security: Bill Atkinson

Ushers/Greeters: Susan Deeley, Joe Tompkins, Marg Byer, Sue Masters

Refreshments: Amalgamation Committee (and friends)

Bell Ringers: Judy Amsbury, Cliff McDonald, Marg Allen, Lyn Miller, and
Ken Gray (Director)

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