

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*

August 19, 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)

Prelude: "Worship Medley of Hymns"

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn VU#228 "Sing Praises to God"

Centering Time for Worship

Come into this holy space and time; come as you are - happy or sad, burdened or free; bring with you all that troubles you, all that moves you; leave nothing behind. Bring it all to our God who makes all things new, who leads us to fresh waters and who is the Bread of Life. **Amen and Amen.**

Bringing Light to the World

*Invitation to Community (*from Psalm 148*)

Praise God, O my soul. As long as I live, I will praise God.

Yes, as long as I have live I will sing praises to God.

For God sets prisoners free, restores sight to the blind

God straightens those who are bent and loves those who are just.

God cares for the stranger in the land and sustains the widow and orphans.

God shall reign forever, O Zion, our God for all generations.

Let us worship God.

Gathering Prayer (*in unison*)

Holy One, you alone are holy, you alone are Creator, you alone are deserving of our worship and praise. The whole earth is filled with the presence of your glory. Yet we feel alone; rarely do we see clear and unmistakable signs of your presence. Perhaps that is because we do not take time to see. Perhaps it is because there seems to be too much darkness all around us. We yearn to know you more intimately, more deeply, more completely. In this hour, as we seek to hear your word, become present to us; let us experience you in word, in song, in prayer and in our common life as your holy people. Amen.

Hymn VU#619 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

Candles of Joy and Concern

Worship with the Young at Heart

A Reading from the Letters of Paul Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

Responsive Psalm (refrain 1) Psalm 130 (*VU p. 853*)

The Gospel John 6: 51-58

Special Music: "Pie Jesu" - Andrew Lloyd Webber

Duet: Shelly Joyes and Arlene Gray

Reflection *"I am the Bread of Life"* The Rev. Eilert Frerichs

Hymn VU#327 "All Praise to Thee"

Prayers of the Faithful - The Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission: - Carol Parnell

Offering: Offertory: "Give Thanks" -Don Moen

*Presentation VU # 293 v. 1 "We Praise you, Creator"

Offertory Prayer (*in unison*)

Holy One, all praise and glory is due to you for you continually pour gifts out upon us. Make us truly grateful as we bring these offerings into your presence. May they help to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. In so doing, may they become signs of your grace and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn VU#424 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

Commissioning and Blessing (*a Franciscan blessing*)

May God bless you with anger at injustice,
oppression and exploitation of people
so that you may work for justice freedom and peace.
May God bless you with tears to shed
for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them
and turn their pain to joy.
May God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that can make a difference in the world
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.
And go in the name of God. **Amen.**

Postlude: "Go Ye into All the World!" (Choir) -Besig/Price

Welcome Rev. Eilert Frerichs!

We Appreciate:

Scripture Reader - John Jull

AV - Brian James

Thanks to members of the Pastoral Care Committee (and friends) who are visiting, delivering flowers, making calls and sending cards.