

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 26, 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: "I'd Rather have Jesus" -words R.F. Miller,
-music G.B Shea, -arr. J. Purifoy

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Hymn: VU#240 "Praise, My Soul, "

Centering Time for Worship: *(from Psalm 29)*

God sits enthroned above the waters,

God is enthroned as sovereign forever.

You give strength to your people, O God.

Now give to your people

the blessing of peace.

Bringing Light to the World

*Invitation to Community

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Gathering Prayer

Holy One, we are indeed glad to have come into this holy house, because we are hungry for the Bread of Life. We are eager to hear your Word. your Word of justice and liberation. We are just as hungry, Holy One , for genuine community, for our lives are separate and scattered. As we gather around your Table today, we believe that you can and will create community that is life-giving, affirming and supporting of each and every one of us. All praise to you. **Amen.**

Candles of Joy and Concern

Worship with the Young at Heart

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Joshua 24: 14-18

A Reading from the Gospel John 6:56-69

Special Music: "You Are My Light" -Dave and Jean Perry

Reflection: **Choose This Day** The Rev. Eilert Frerichs

Minute for Mission: Barbara Cameron

The Offering: "Jesus Loves Me" -Wm. Bradbury arr. John Kraus

Offertory

*Hymn of Presentation MV#191 "What Can I do"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper *(written by Alydia Smith)*

The Invitation:

God is with us!

We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Meal

Communion Hymn: VU#501 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Prayer after the Communion

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts.

We are now commissioned to:

feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Hymn VU#651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Commissioning and Blessing:

Go in the peace of God. Go with the blessing of the Triune God who will guide you and keep you today and always. **Amen.**

Postlude: "His Eye is on the Sparrow" -C.H Gabriel, arr. Cindy Berry

WE APPRECIATE

The Rev. Eilert Frelchs for leading us in worship.

Music: Arlene Gray Powerpoint: Cliff McDonald

Scriptures: Dave Stephenson

Serving Communion: Ina Stenner, John Jull, Leona Clark, Dan Kingdon, Jacque Robinson, AJ McNaught