

**for your faithfulness, which endures all of our frailties,
for your patience which calls us home,
for challenges which coax us into growth,
and for your love which sets us free to live new lives.
Receive our offerings, we pray,
so that we and these gifts
may be signs of hope in your world.
Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful followed by The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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

Sending Forth:

We are called, each of us, ready or not
To proclaim God's love to the world.

**We are called to proclaim a word of hope,
a word of challenge, a word of encouragement
and a word of healing.**

We are called, not because we are competent,
or intelligent or brave,

**but because this broken world needs to know
that there is life beyond death.
hope beyond despair, justice beyond injustice,
and love – always love – beyond hatred and fear.**

This is our calling.

God give us joy each and every day.

Concluding Rite: MV #209 "Go Make a Difference"

Postlude: "I Love to Tell the Story" (John Jull)

-W.G. Fischer; Charles W. Ore

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*

June 17, 2018 – Aboriginal 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: "Allegro" -Arcangelo Corelli; arr. S Dummond Wolff

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn: VU#684 "Make me A Channel of Your Peace"

Preparation for Worship

Bringing Light to the World

Gathering as God's People

*Gathering Dialogue

In the presence of the great Creator,
Who called the world into being,

We stand in awe.

In the presence of Christ who held little children
And brought love and hope to all people,

We stand in trust.

In the presence of the great Spirit,
Who blesses us and makes us thirst for justice and peace,

We stand in longing.

Before God, In search of love and truth and wholeness,

We come to worship.

*Opening Prayer: (in unison)

God of gentle breezes and crashing waves,

God of bold courage and ongoing change,

Be with us in this time of worship.

Help us to focus again on your will for our lives

And for this community of faith.

Be with us as we face new challenges,

Ask new questions and move in new directions.

We pray that your presence

Will strengthen us and give us joy

This morning and in the days ahead.

We offer this prayer

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn: VU#677 "O God of Every Nation"

Worship with the Young at Heart

*Hymn: "Sweetgrass and Candle"

-John Oldham

The Word in Our Hearts

Preparation for Proclamation: MV#12 v 3 "Come Touch and Bless"

Scripture Readings: Rev. Jessica Beecham-Stockton

Old Testament: Exodus 2: 1-10

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:25-32

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Special Music: "Many Gifts, One Spirit" -Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Message: "Away from Home"

-Mary Anne MacFarlane BSc, MRE, MA, PhD

Walking with God

Minute for Mission: Carol Parnell

Offertory: "Short Offertory"

-E. S. Lorenz

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we thank you

