

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 – Second after Pentecost**

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today.  
We strive for a Scent Free environment. (\*please rise in body or spirit)



**JOIN US OUTSIDE** after the Service for the  
**PICNIC**

special picnic music provided by the Jamming Cats

**WELCOME ALL & THANK YOU!** to ALEX JEBSON,  
for leading us in worship this morning.

**Hearing assist devices and large print bulletins, newsletters and  
scriptures can be found at the back of the sanctuary.**

Prelude: Special Music Team

Welcome & Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn: VU 371, v. 1&2 Open My Eyes

Lighting of the Christ, Peace, and Affirming Candles

\*Gathering Dialogue:

One: A large number of us deliberately choose to be here this morning.

**Many: It is our tradition and our source of renewal.**

One: However, some come today spurred on by another force.

**Many: Our intentions were not on this house; yet someone knew we needed  
to be here.**

One: The light of the Christ Candle shines on all; God is at work in all of us.

**Many: The rejected, the called, and the questioner are all gathered by the  
Spirit to listen.**

**All: Come, let us praise the Lord of love and calling!**

\*Opening Prayer:

**Great God of old and new, we come today in the midst of hectic  
schedules. Our Sunday mornings are planned as time devoted to You, but**

**the rest of our week is abuzz with other activities. Reveal Your presence here today, Lord, and to still our planning minds for just a brief time. Mould Your message into each one of us, so that we can share the joys and burdens of exploring and sharing this message. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn: VU 345 – Come, Children, Join to Sing

Candles of Joy and Concern

Worship with the Young at Heart

\*Hymn: VU 299 – Teach Me, God, To Wonder

Scripture Readings: Jim Glynn

**1 Samuel 3:1-18** – Samuel's Call and God's Message

**Psalm 139 (VU 861)** – God, You Know Me Through and Through

**Mark 2:23-3:6** – Jesus and the New Sabbath Rules

One: This is the Word of God as it is witnessed in the Christian Scripture

**All: The witnessed Word of God enlivens the living Word of God that is within us.**

Ministry of Music: It is Well with My Soul - arr. J. Purifoy

Sermon: "Tough Crowd"

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, You are all-knowing, but are also beyond our complete knowledge. In this, we tend to think that we know better about ourselves than You do. So we make plans and ignore signs of Your care and concern. This we do willfully sometimes, but also as part of a society that tries to cloud Your presence. Forgive us for our tentativeness when it comes to serving You wholeheartedly. We continue to struggle with the fact that being Your followers and children mean that our message will provoke others. Renew our resolve to be faithful Christian witnesses. For this and other trespasses, heal and reconcile us... (*silent prayer*).**

Words of Assurance

\*Hymn: MV 161 – I Have Called You by Your Name

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Minute for Mission: Ina Stenner

Presentation of Gifts and Offertory Music: Special Music Team

\*Hymn of Presentation – MV 191

**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.**

\*Prayer of Dedication:

**With these offerings of our times and talents, we pray that Your works might be aided near and far, Loving God. As You have called us to recognize Your voice and authority, we offer ourselves to serve and give all we have, with the Son of Man as the ultimate example. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn: VU 510 – We Have This Ministry

\*Benediction

\*Sending Forth – VU 371, v. 3

**Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love for thy children thus to share.**

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Postlude: Special Music Team

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**We Appreciate**

AV: Brian James

Refreshments: UCW, AOTS,

Greeters : Kathy Gillis

Congregational Picnic foods

Ted Shaw

Special Music: Mary Taves,

Joyce Hawthorne

Ruth Fallding

Frankie Schilke

Elevator: Kathy Gillis

Music Minister: Arlene Gray