

*Worship Liturgy for Sunday May 3, 2020 Celebrating
Communion*

Acknowledgement of the Land:

“We respectfully acknowledge that Emmanuel United Church is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations.

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Lightening of the Christ Candle

L: We light this candle to remind us that the Light of Christ can not be overcome by the darkness. Let our hearts trust in the Living One who could not be imprisoned by death: Jesus, the Light of truth, justice, love and hope.

Prelude: Moment of Reflection

**Invitation to Gather in Christ’s Name*

L: We gather in the name of the Holy One who calls out to us.

A: We are called to abandon our selfish ways to be for others.

L: The Holy Other calls us,

A: to come out of our darkness to be engulfed by the Light of Christ.

L: Jesus calls us to follow and

A: to be a community of love and hope in a world of brokenness and fear.

L: Let us come together in spirit from our various places to be the body of Christ for each other.

A: Let our worship proclaim the Risen Christ.

Hymn 245 VU Praise The Lord With The Sound Of Trumpet

**Opening Prayer*

Holy One, gather us in your love today. Still our restless hearts to hear your profound love for each of us. Still our hearts so that we may not resist your gift of life for us and all of humanity. Give us the strength and the assurance that in our search for your fullness in our lives, we will know your presence is near us always. We give thanks to the Holy One who gave his life that we may have life abundantly. In Jesus name we pray, “Our Father...”

Preparation for Proclamation

Hymn. 376 VU Spirit Of The Living God

Scripture Lessons

Scripture Reader: Acts Of The Apostles 2:42-47.

Either from NRSV or the Message

Anthem or Hymn

Reflection "The Ordinary Church In Extraordinary Times"

Communion

Hymn 467 VU One Bread, One Body

Communion Prayer

L: From the midst of our tables, that are often cluttered with newspapers, shopping lists, bills, junk mail and other daily debris, we clear a space for bread and wine.

Beside souvenirs from places we've been, we are reminded of your mystery in creation, God. On our own, we often are unable to find the assurances you spoke of in our dusty forgotten Bibles on our bookshelves. Yet, we remember, as the followers of the past did, how you keep reaching out to us touching lives when they feel broken and in despair. Your living Word constantly comes to us and holds us in the midst of what we face, even now.

During these moments of isolation, we get a sense of what Jesus' disciples went through when their teacher and friend died. They gathered to remember an experience that brushed aside all the brokenness, injustice and loss, replacing it with healing and hope. These simple earthly elements become the mystery of Christ's presence for us,

revealing God's never-ending love for us and all of humanity.

Sharing In The Bread and Wine
(Luke 22:13-23 & 1 Corinthians 11)

And so:

We take the bread and we break it saying
A: Jesus Christ, The Bread of Life

We take this young wine saying
A: Jesus Christ the True Vine

L: Let us eat of the Bread of Life
Let us drink from the Cup that quenches our thirst
for all eternity.

A Moment of Quiet Reflection

**Holy One, we give you thanks for this holy
mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Sharing our Blessings

Minute for Mission:
Offering: "

**Hymn of Presentation: VU 538 "For the Gift of Creation" ?*

**Prayer of Dedication:*

Holy One you have given us life and gifted us with many blessings. We share with you a portion of our blessings. Receive these gifts of love and transform them into new life as they are shared with others. In Jesus name we pray.

Prayers of the Faithful and Lord's Prayer

**Hymn: VU 389 God Is Here*

**Sending Forth*

As the Body of Christ broken for many, let us go into the world as the body of Christ. Let us share our selves with the broken-hearted, the hungry and the lost, nurturing our community to wholeness. Let us go forth in the Love of the Creator, in the hope of the Living One and in the peace of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Postlude

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation

Service Leader:

Music: Arlene Gray, and the Choir

Thank You to all those who worked to make this worship service possible for your viewing.

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