

Worship Liturgy for Sunday June 7, 2020
Affirm Sunday
&
Pride weekend

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.

The congregation of Emmanuel United Church respectfully acknowledges that the Williams Treaties First Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters in perpetuity, and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.” (Land Acknowledgement Written by Chief Phyllis Williams of Curve Lake First Nation)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: We light this candle to remind us that the Light of Christ cannot 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.

Lighting of The Rainbow Candle and Earth

We light the Rainbow as a reminder of Emmanuel Congregation’s commitment to be an Affirming Church.

We light the Earth Candle as a visible reminder that we caretakers of God’s creation.

Prelude: Moment of Reflection

**Invitation to Gather in Christ’s Name*

L: The rainbow is a sign of diversity and hope,

A: a reminder of the covenant made between God and humanity.

L: Red is the colour of strawberry and rose petal, passion and birth.

A: Sweet and vivacious, red colour of life. Thank you, God!

L: Orange is the colour of pumpkin and flame, warmth and compassion.

A: Bright and enlivening, orange colour of healing. Thank you, God!

L: Yellow is the colour of lemon and sun, joy and enthusiasm.

A: Radiant and bold, yellow the colour of hope. Thank you, God!

L: Green is the colour of inchworm and pine, calm and growth.

A: Restful and abundant, green the colour of nature. Thank you, God!

L: Blue is the colour of sky and mountain ridge, depth and inspiration.

A: Soaring and fluent, blue the colour of harmony. Thank you, God!

L: Purple is the colour of grape and lilac, strength and dignity.

A: Profound and majestic, purple the colour of spirit. Thank you, God!

L: In God's sight, all humanity is a rainbow people.

A: Come, let us worship God together.

(GAETZ MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH Nov. 2017 order of worship)

Hymn: 1 MV All Are Welcomed vs. 1,4 & 5

**Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer(In Unison)*

Creator, through your Holy Spirit you created unity in the midst of diversity;

We acknowledge that human diversity is an expression of your manifold love for your creation;

We confess that in our brokenness as human beings we turn diversity into a source of alienation, injustice, oppression, and wounding.

Empower us to recognize and celebrate differences as your great gift to the human family.

Enable us to be the architects of understanding, of respect and love; in Christ, the ground of all unity, we pray "Our Father and Mother ...". – (Author Unknown)

Preparation for Proclamation

Hymn: MV 138 My Love Colours Outside The Lines

Scripture Lesson: Letters of Paul to The Colossians, Galatians and the Gospel of John

Colossians 3:8-17

Galatians 3:25-29

Gospel of John 15:1-2 & 12-19

Anthem "We are a Rainbow" -David Kai

Trio: Judy Amsbury, Arlene and Kenneth Gray

Reflection: "Barriers Everywhere"

Sharing our Blessings

Offering:

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

**Prayer of Dedication:*

The Congregation of Emmanuel United Church Re-commits Itself To Being An Affirming Congregation:

L: As an Affirming congregation, Emmanuel United Church re-commits itself to welcoming all who seek sanctuary and to explore the way of Christ's love for others regardless of age, gender identity, sexual orientation ethnicity, economic circumstances, or different abilities

A: We re-affirm our commitment asking God to guide us.

L: We affirm that we are all called by God to share our gifts as we work together in making God's presence real. Will you strive to include all people who wish to participate in the worship and ministry of Emmanuel United Church?

A: We will, with God's help and support.

L: Christ calls us to love all our neighbours regardless of the perceived differences that are before us. Will you love your neighbours regardless of differences?

A: We will, with God's love and grace.

L: Jesus described love, not just as a heartfelt feeling but as an active way of life. Will you live out your love with barrier-breaking, justice seeking compassion, and love that builds right relationships amongst all of the Creator's people?

A: We will, with God's mercy and acceptance.

L: We have re-affirmed our commitment to be an affirming congregation. In so doing, we welcome all who come seeking sanctuary and sharing in the ministry of Emmanuel United Church.

A: Today we have re-affirmed our commitment, that all are welcome here, in Jesus name we proclaim. Amen. (By Jim Tenford modified by Rev B. Ransom)

Hymn: MV 62 There Is Room For All x2

Prayers Of The People

***Hymn: VU 183 We Meet You, O Christ**

**Sending Forth*

Postlude

In Appreciation

Minister: Rev. Bryan Ransom & All the Congregation

Music: Arlene Gray

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

Phyllis Elvidge-Bell, Kenneth Gray, A.J. McNaught, Frankie Schilke & Patti Shaw

The Emmanuel United Church is an Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada.

Announcements:

The ***Mustard Seed Prayer Group*** is starting up this Sunday, June 7th at 10:00am. This group will be meeting at Emmanuel United labyrinth for morning prayers and are always looking for new people to come and join them in prayer and contemplation. If more than 5 people attend, the groups will be split up and will walk in different areas of the church grounds in order to be compliant with the new social distancing rules.