Emmanuel United Church Worship Liturgy for Sunday June 14, 2020

Welcome and Announcements: Patti Shaw

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.

Prelude: Moment of Reflection

*Invitation to Gather in Christ's Name

L: Creator, your imagination sees the impossible in all of creation even when it is dark and broken.

A: Holy One, you continue to see us as your beloved children and part of your divine family.

L: Your Word that called forth the stars, and gave birth to the universe,

A: speaks to us giving us order in the midst of our chaotic life.

L: The Spirit, which moved over creation, breathing life into all things,

A: visits us, filling us with new birthings that make us anxious yet hopeful of what might be.

L: Let our worship be a time when the impossible seems possible. (by Thomas Shuman modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

Hymn: MV 30 It's A Song of Praise to The Maker

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

Holy One, we yearn for a clear perspective: truth, that is not grounded in watered down facts, but in your wisdom. We are thankful for what gives us support in our lives and for the common persistence of communal aims. Fill our hearts with radical love that inspires and fosters the relationships you desire between us and creation, Holy One. Today let the birth of a new moments happen in our lives, no matter how strange or laughable they are. Let them be filled with joy and hope, we pray in Jesus' name, (Our Father and Mother

Preparation for Proclamation

Hymn: VU 703 In The Bulb There Is A Flower

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15 & 21:1-7

Scripture Reader: Patti Shaw

Anthem: You are our God; We are your People -ноекета

Reflection: "LOL"

Sharing our Blessings

Offering:

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

*Prayer of Dedication:

*Hymn: MV 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath

*Sending Forth

Postlude: Give to us Laughter

In Appreciation

Minister: Bryan Ransom

Music/Video: Arlene Gray and the Choir (Kenneth Gray)

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

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