

Worship Liturgy for Sunday June 28, 2020
Last Regular Worship Service Before Summer Holidays
Communion Sunday

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)

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 – Arlene Gray

Invitation to Gather in Christ’s Name

L: Let us be thankful for God’s presence in the world.

A: We are grateful for God’s presence of hope and grateful for the gift of life.

L: Let us think of God’s presence in our lives and be humbled by the Creator’s constant love for us.

A: We are humbled by the gift of grace and humbled by the invitation to begin again.

L: Let us think of God’s presence in this community and be glad.

A: We are glad knowing that we are surrounded by our community of faith today worshipping God.

L: We give thanks for your faithfulness God and for this community of faith.

(by Beth Murrill Neel modified by Rev. B. Ransom}

Hymn: MV 34 “All Is Done for The Glory of God” (after the 4th first re-sing verse 1)

Led by Patti Shaw

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we turn away from our preoccupation with our thoughts, prejudices and wants. We come to you, loving Creator. Help us to cast aside today our self-centredness and centre

our being in you. Lead us to that place where we let go of all that robs us of finding joy and peace through Christ who gathers us to pray, (Creator, who art } (by Alex Hunter modified by rev. B Ransom)

Preparation for Proclamation

Hymn: VU 288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 22:1-12. and Romans 6:12-23

Scripture Reader: Jim Glynn

Reflection: "Genuine Faith"

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn: MV 194 "Breath of Life, Feed My Soul"

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

L: The Creator is with us!

A: We open our hearts to the Spirit, rejoicing and giving thanks to our God.

L: Holy One, throughout the turn of the seasons you remain steadfast. In the depths of our suffering, you suffer with us; in the heights of our joy, you share in our pleasure. Creator of earth, air, fire, and water, we celebrate the creation that is your body. In the faces of those around us, in our own faces in the mirror, and in all living creatures, we see your face. By your power and presence, you transform us; we become prophets and makers of justice, bearers of your message of truth and beauty to all the world. And so, with all of our being, we raise our voices to praise You:

A: Holy, Holy, Holy One, Source of Life and Love, all that is blazes with your glory.

L: Blessed are you, and blessed is the Child of Humanity, called Jesus, who came amongst us to proclaim liberation and wholeness. Jesus came to break all bonds, to shatter the chains of oppression that hold us in captivity; he healed the sick, gave food to the poor, and ate with those that society rejected to show that God's table is open to all. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection he proclaimed the victory of love over death. O God, by your power of compassion and justice you gave birth to a new community to embody the continuing presence of Christ in the world. When we break the bread and share the cup, we do so to remember Jesus Christ, and to affirm that your acceptance is poured out for all.

Words of Institution

L: The seasons turn, and the earth warms with the sun, and we feel the fire of inspiration catch in our hearts, burning to bring light to the growing year. We take this meal and remember the

promise of transformation:

A: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Holy One, let your spirit well up in us and in these gifts of bread and wine. Together we pray as did St. Teresa of Avila:

**All: Christ has no body now on earth but ours;
No hands but ours;
No feet but ours;
Ours are the eyes
Through which Christ's compassion to the world looks out;
Ours are the feet with which Christ goes about doing good;
Ours are the hands with which Christ blesses now.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

L: Jesus, the Bread of Life
Jesus, The True Vine

Closing Prayer

L: Mother of all, inspire us!

A: Descend on us in tongues of flame!

L: Lord of the dance, invigorate us!

A: Descend on us in tongues of flame!

L: Creator of being, fill us with passion!

A: Descend on us in tongues of flame!

L: Holy One, let there be no more complacency among us. We offer ourselves as vessels of justice and beauty.

Know us today as your people of fire with your Living Spirit!

A: Alleluia! Amen. <http://www.christinehoffkraemer.com/8festivalsX.html>

Sharing our Blessings

Minute for Mission: Patti Shaw

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

Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of the Faithful:

Hymn: VU 286 "If You Will Trust in God"

Sending Forth:

Postlude:

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation

Service Leader: Rev. Bryan Ransom

Music: Arlene Gray, and Patti Shaw; *Video:* Arlene Gray

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

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