

# ***Worship Liturgy for Sunday July 12, 2020***

## ***“Summer Time Feeling”***

### ***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 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: God has abundantly cast seeds of love, hope and peace upon us.

**P: May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.**

L: Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.

**P: Let us sing songs of joy to God.**

L: Hallelujah!

**P: Hallelujah!** (By Nancy Townley)

*Hymn: MV 174 “Soil of God, You and I”*

### ***Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer: (Unison)***

**God of abundant love, we come to you this day in the midst of the summer season that is filled with growth, colour and beauty. All our horizons are brimming with signs of growth in the world you have created for us. We come this day, seeking your Holy Presence. Seeking your touch of love, healing and mercy. We open our hearts to receive these seeds that they**

**may grow becoming the fruits for your harvest. In your name we pray, “Creator who art in heaven...”**. (By Nancy Townley modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

***Preparation for Proclamation:***

*Hymn:* VU 369 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

***Scripture Lessons:*** **Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23** Scripture Reader: Patti Shaw

*Special Music:* “Kum Ba Yah, Peace Like a River” - Ruth Elaine Shram  
Duet: Christine Admiral and Arlene Gray

*Reflection:* “**Abundant Generosity**”

***Sharing our Blessings***

*Minute for Mission:* Penny Carson

*Invitation to Offering:*

*Hymn of Presentation:* VU 538 “For the Gift of Creation”

*Prayer of Dedication:*

*Prayers of the Faithful:*

*Hymn:* VU 481 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

*Sending Forth*

**In Appreciation**

*Minister:* Rev. Bryan Ransom

*Music and Video:* Arlene Gray

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

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