

A special thank you to all participants in today's service.

Reader: Judy Pronovost

Projectionist: Lorne Robertson

Ushers: Dalton Carmichael & Ron Purdy

Coffee Fellowship: Jo McCulley & Nancy Dixon

We hope that you have been enriched through the worship today and that you will come again.



*Emmanuel United Church is a caring,
welcoming faith community, nurturing
spiritual life and sharing God's love
and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.*

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Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you are new to Emmanuel, we hope that you will feel welcome and join us for coffee fellowship after the worship service.

Please introduce yourself to our minister, **Rev. Roni Beharry** and sign the Guest Book before you leave.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today at Emmanuel

10:30am Worship Service
7:00pm Beef Supper
Planning Meeting

This Week

Tues. UCW meets at 1pm
Wed. Bible Study at 7pm
Thurs. Choir Practice, 7:30
Fri. Timmies at Two

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Greeting:

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship: (Psalm 107)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let those redeemed by the Lord say:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

When we cried out to God in our distress,

God saved us in our hour of need.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We pray together:

WEST FERRIS COMMUNITY BRUNCH



The Outreach Mission and Service Committee and West Ferris Community Brunch welcome non-perishable food items to help support those less fortunate. Items such as pasta, tomato sauce, canned soups, fruit, beans, cereal, meat, and fish are most welcome. Other items that would be welcome include toiletries, toothbrushes, coffee and tea. Donations made the 3rd Sunday of the month will be distributed at the Community Brunch which is held the 4th Saturday of the month.

The remainder of the food items will be distributed from the EUC food cupboard.

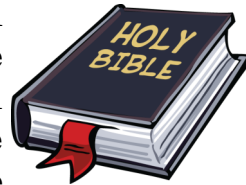
Thank you to all who have been so generous.

“GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH” LENTEN PLEDGE CAMPAIGN
Climate change is a tremendous challenge for the global community. Many see it as the critical issue of time. As people of faith, it is an issue that reaches to the core of who we are and how we are to live in God's word – to respond with love and justice to climate change and the global victims. Each of our small steps can make a huge difference in meeting our goals to reduce greenhouse gases. Please see Janie for the pledge of your small step.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Bible Study happens on Wednesdays, 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Community Room. Our Study is based on today's Readings. Sermon outlines are available today and in the week. Please contact Rev. Roni for more information.



SCENT-SITIVE



Scented products can aggravate health problems for some people with medical conditions. Please do not wear scented products, your cooperation is appreciated, thank you.

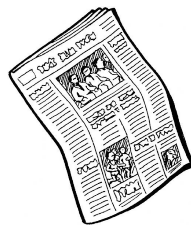
TIM HORTONS GROUP



This week the group that meets at the Tim Hortons/Wendy's is meeting at 2:00pm. Join Rev. Roni and Lorne for conversations about our faith and how it intersects with our lives and culture.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

Last chance to submit articles for the March newsletter.... If you have an interesting article for inclusion, please send to carmichl@efni.com or place in the Newsletter slot in the church office, on or before **2:00 p.m. today**. We hope to distribute the newsletter on March 18th. Thank you.



Opening Prayer: (Eph. 2, John 3)

**God of light and love,
Shine upon us this day.
Meet us in our brokenness,
and heal our errant ways.
Save us with your grace.
Lead us into your truth,
that we may live as your beloved children,
committed to the mending of your created order.
In Jesus Name we pray, Amen**

Hymn: "Your Hand, O God, has Guided" VU #274, vs.1-3

Prayer of Confession:

Faithful redeemer, your word tells us that you ordered, healed, and rescued your people "from their pit". We come to you now in the depravity of our own circumstances.

**We ponder our confusion, worries,
disappointments and inadequacies.**
(pause)

We trust that your Spirit will renew and redeem us with unstoppable hope, no matter how much we despair. We pray, with faith in your son Jesus Christ, Amen.

Choral Assurance of Forgiveness:

**How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed. (x2)**

Children's Time: "With Us in the Pits!"

Video Presentation

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

(after the reading) *One: Herein is Wisdom.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

(after the reading) *One: Herein is Wisdom.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

By: William M. Runyan, Thomas D Chisholm
and Jane Marshall

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

(after the reading) *One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

All: Glory to you O Christ.

Sermon: "God so Loved the World"

Prayer of Ascription

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "Amazing Grace" VU #266

Offering

Offertory: VU 149, vs.4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Offertory Blessing

Prayers of the People

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" VU #559

Benediction

Choral Benediction:

**Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

Please join us for a time of fellowship after our service.
Our gathering will be in Bert Passmore Hall. Just follow
everyone else as we head to the hall and our time together.