

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

Reader: Elaine Simmens

Projectionist: Lorne Robertson

Ushers: Pam Zygmunt & Murray Bothwell

Coffee Fellowship: Barb and Tammy

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 Easter / Earth Day

Today at Emmanuel

10:30am Worship Service

This Week

Wed. Bible Study at 7pm

Thurs. Choir Practice at  
7:30pm

Fri. Beef Supper at  
4:00pm

WE GATHER

Welcome

Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement:

*“We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe people, the land they share with us as a result of the Robinson-Huron Treaty. May we live in peace and friendship as a treaty people.”*

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:

**The beginning of creation is inherently good.**

**All beings created by God are good.**

*Let us pause and ponder the prophetic and transforming strength in this statement:*

*“All creation is good”.*

**THE OBSERVER**

For those in the congregation who are receiving or wish to receive the Observer, the renewal date is coming up soon. The annual fee is \$25.00 (incl. HST) and must be received by 13<sup>th</sup> of May. Please put this amount in a sealed envelope with your name, marked "Observer" and put it on Sunday's Collection plate. If you have any questions please contact Brenda Cote at 705-474-2607. Thank you.

BeeF SuppeR Time

*Give a shout, give a cheer,  
Our Beef Supper’s almost here ....*

*April 27<sup>th</sup> is the date,  
If you need a ticket, please don’t wait ....*

*Lots of veggies, buns and meat,  
Always something good to eat ....*

*Lemon, Apple, Raisin Pie,  
Pumpkin, Blueberry, my oh my ....*

*Buy that ticket, save a cow,  
If you’ve done so, take a bow ....*

*Plan to come and eat with friends,  
From start to finish, until it ends!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:00pm - 8:00pm in Roni's office. Our Study is based on the previous Sunday's Readings. Sermon outline 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.

## **Emmanuel's 35<sup>th</sup> BeeF Supper**

Volunteers needed: have a peek at the Fun Sheet, there may be something you can do to help with this major fund raiser, or, for Beef Supper tickets: see Karen in the hallway or call 472-5444.



## **NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL UCW AGM**

Will be held at Trinity United Church, North Bay, on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> with guest speakers Vi Montpetit "Community Living - Inclusiveness" with a video by Kathy Buell & Rev. Dr. Will Kunder "A look into the future of UCC". Registration begins at 9 am with muffins/tea/coffee. Lunch - \$8.00 and bring enough money for the offering, silent auction for Manitou Youth and possibly a book sale. All women welcome. Please phone Ruth Trottier at 705-474-8843 by Saturday, April 28 if you are planning to attend (so they can prepare the right amount of food for lunch).

*In every people, every culture, every religion, this goodness is manifested in colors, flavors, movements, customs, religions, cultures, stories; the diversity represented here is part of the goodness and the beauty of creation. We see God's goodness and beauty reflected in the world's flora and fauna: in breathtaking mountains, in the Arctic's icebergs, in the tropical rainforests...*

**Help us God to walk the earth with reverence and awe.  
Help us to practice an ethic of reciprocity with your created order and all peoples.**

*Adapted from World Day of Prayer Resources, Suriname 2018*

Opening Prayer:

**Creator God, you know us and call us to be faithful stewards of your earth.**

**We come together this day to celebrate your creation, the beautiful lakes that surround us and provide us with food and water, and that are often the centre of our communities.**

**We continue to hear hard stories, where still waters have been lost and communities broken.**

**Open our hearts to hear the cries of your groaning creation, in this place and beyond, so that we may be empowered to act in love for one another.**

**For you are our shepherd, who leads us toward green pastures. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

Hymn: "God of the Sparrow" VU #229

Prayer of Confession:

**God of the Way,  
you are the road we travel,  
and the sign we follow;  
you are bread for the journey.  
and the wine of arrival.**

Guide us as we follow your path.  
holding on to each other,  
reaching out to your beloved world.

And when we stray.  
seek us out and find us,  
set our feet on the path again,  
and lead us safely home.

In the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we pray.  
Amen.

A Prayer for the Journey, adapted from VU # 648

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: "Called to Care for the Earth"

Hymn: "Each Blade of Grass" MV #37

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24  
(after the reading) *One: Herein is Wisdom.*  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (sung) "The Lord's My Shepherd" *Crimond 8686*

Choir Anthem: "The Lord Will be My Shepherd"  
By: Nancy Price & Don Besig

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18  
(after the reading) *One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!*  
**All: Glory to you O Christ.**

Sermon: "Discerning our Creator's Direction"

Prayer of Ascription

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" VU #635

Offering

Offertory:

Praise God from who all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Blessing

Prayers of the People

### SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" VU #651

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.