

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

Reader: Anne Garrett

Projectionist: Lorne Robertson

Ushers: JoAnne Livingstone
& Doreen McLuhan

Coffee Fellowship: CL&W

Communion Servers: Brian & Cathy Conrad,
Mary Soutar & Bernie Hopkins

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

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

May 6, 2018

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.

Today at Emmanuel

10:30am Worship Service

This Week

Tue. Outreach &
Missions @ 3:30 pm
Wed. Finance @ 4:15 pm
Council @ 7:00 pm
Bible Study at 7pm
Thurs. Choir Practice @
7:30pm
Fri. Timmies at Two

WE GATHER
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
CELEBRATING OUR 32ND YEAR ON THE
LAKESHORE
GOD 'S VISION OF INCLUSION

Welcome

Processional Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" VU#315

Territorial Acknowledgement:

"We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Algonquin peoples, the land they share with others 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.

Week of Sunday May 6th-May 12th 2018

Monday May 7th:

Church Office is closed. Minister is away.

Tuesday May 8th:

Minister is away until 3:30 pm.

Outreach and Missions Committee meets at 3:30 pm in the Board Room.

Sharing circle for those who came out to see the movie “Indian Horse” and wish to reflect on their experiences at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

Wednesday May 9th:

Finance committee meets at 4:15 pm in the Board Room.
Church Council meets at 7:00 pm, in Bert Passmore Hall.
Bible Study with Lorne Robertson at 7:00 pm, the Gospel of John, chapters three, four and five, in the Board Room.

Thursday May 10th:

Choir Practice at 7: 30 pm. New members are welcomed.

Friday May 11th:

Timmies at Two, Coffee and Conversation on “Family”.

Saturday May 12th:

Ecumenical Brunch, St. John the Divine Anglican Church, 301 Main Street East, 9:00 am-10:30 am.

**Our Food Cupboard is bare. Food donations are welcomed.
Healthy options are preferred.**

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship:

We gather from diverse homes, some of us are longstanding members, some of us are newcomers. God welcomes each one of us, calling us beloved. Holy One, make your joy complete among us. Form us into your beloved community.

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Opening Prayer:

Creator God, you care for us, you welcome each one of us and you form us in your love, revealed through Jesus Christ. Your Spirit acts ahead of your church, helping us to welcome and create space for each other; for you are our Host. We are all your guests in your household of faith. Glory to you, O God.

Amen.

Hymn: “Let Us Build a House” MV # 1

Prayer of Confession:

**Forgive us, O God, when our partitions become barriers that impede the flow of your love. Create arches that allow for the free-flowing of your loving spirit.
O God, when our unexamined privilege is experienced as indifference, we invite you to examine our innermost spaces.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone greatly for working at the Beef Dinner the night of April 27, 2018. Big jobs, small jobs, every job is important as we work together. Thanks for setting up the Dining Room tables with colourful center pieces, making the room a pleasant place to dine and meet friends. Thanks for setting up the serving tables, assembling the food and keeping it hot. Thanks for purchasing the best quality foods for preparing vegetables. Thanks for cooking a roast. Thanks for buttering the rolls, filling pickle dishes. Thanks for refilling inserts, for carving roasts and making our favourite gravy. Thanks for selling tickets and managing reservations for the dinner throughout the season. Thanks for preparing the Fun Sheet, calling new workers and welcoming experienced workers again. Thanks for those who set up and served the takeout's so efficiently. Thanks for the preparation of the work to be done for the those who kept it flowing to the end with the dishwasher. Thanks for the excellent job of freshening up the sanctuary and Bert Passmore Hall for Worship and Coffee hour this morning. We are pleased to see that our food handling techniques are still observed at our dinner as taught by Carl and Margaret.

Sincerely the Church Family

Be close to us when we are tempted to assert our authority at great cost to others.

Instead, may your love be the author of our thoughts and actions.

Reveal to us your law of love, which shows no partiality.

God's spirit is our helper, acting ahead of God's church. So be it.

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: "Like a Rock, Like a Rock" MV#92

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading:

(after the reading)

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!

All: Glory to you O Christ.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98 VU #818 Refrain 2

Choir Anthem: "Love One Another"

By: Natalie Sleeth

Epistle Reading: Acts 10: 44-48

(after the reading)

One: Herein is Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Just as God loves us, we are to love each other.

Everyone will know Christ by our love.

Just as Christ welcomes us, we are to welcome each other.

Everyone will know Christ by our welcome.

Just as Christ cares for us, we are to care for each other.

Everyone will know Christ by our caring.

Just as the Spirit blesses us, we are to bless each other.

Everyone will know Christ by our grace-filled presence.

You are blessed, Go into God's world being a blessing to each other.

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.

Sermon: "Living into God's Vision of Inclusion"

Prayer of Ascription

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" VU #382

Announcements

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.

Offertory Blessing

Communion Hymn: "I Come with Joy" VU # 477

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER V

May God come more fully into our lives.

May this be so.

Let us offer our lives for transformation.

In hope and joy, we do so.

In thanksgiving, let us celebrate Christ in our midst.

We welcome the Christ who lives within and between us.

In the beginning, O God, you spoke the Word into creation,

and it was breathed through saints and sinners, prophets and judges, women and men. The Word was a love song of appeal and passion, heard by the angels and all the created order. Although we heard the Word, we were torn away by our own yearning and our desire for power. In Jesus, you called your Beloved to be filled with appeal and passion, to be open to your love and so love others. You sang the Word into your Beloved so that he might sing it in a new way, to draw us into the spiralling cosmic dance of love and beauty.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Blessed are you, O Light divine. In Jesus the Living Word, you showed us the sanctity of vulnerability so that we might stand in solidarity with those who suffer in him; we remember the power of transformation that energizes our life in Christ.

Jesus healed the sick, shared the life of social outcasts, challenged the systems of his time, and encouraged his disciples to follow his ways.

On the night before his trial, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. In the fullness of his heart, he looked at them, offered the bread, and said, "This, my body."

In Jesus' work, we are his Body.

Then he took a cup of wine, and said to them, "This, my blood."

In our lives, Jesus is the True Vine. In Jesus' family, we are the branches.

By these signs of bread and wine, we recognize the longings

of all our hearts for a time when all humanity will be one family, when justice and compassion will be the Way we live according to the One we seek. Holy Spirit, hover over our lives, uniting us in these signs and strengthening us to live the resurrected life of Christ in the world.

**Blessed be the Ancient of Days,
blessed be the Beloved,
blessed be the Spirit.**

United in Christ, we are being formed into Beloved community. Therefore we include the following persons as we prepare to participate in this outward sign of inward grace...
(persons are named)

Food for the Journey of faith is now ready.

"Jesus Christ the Bread of Life"

Amen

"Jesus Christ the True Vine"

Amen

Post communion Prayer:

Nurtured at this table,

we claim the truth of being Beloved.

We are now faced with the call to become who we are.

The spirit works ahead of us, directing us

along the great spiritual journey we make together.

God is with us. We are not alone. Amen.

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV#145