

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

Reader: Anne Garrett  
Projectionist: Lorne Robertson  
Ushers: Myrna Bennison &  
Barbara Maeck  
Coffee Fellowship: Geri Moreau & Pam Zygmunt

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 13, 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**

*Mother's Day*

10:30am Worship Service

**This Week**

Thurs. Choir Practice at  
7:30pm

**WE GATHER**

Welcome

Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgment:

*"We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg people and, specifically, the Nipissing First Nation, 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.**

Minute for Mission

**WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

Call to Worship:

*Creator, parent of the human family,*

**we gather to worship you.**

*In baptism, we are called beloved children of God, as such,*

**we gather to worship you.**

**BIBLE STUDY & TIM HORTONS GROUP**

Both of these groups are cancelled for a couple weeks while Roni and Lorne are on holidays, they will resume on the last week of the month.

**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.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED**

Now accepting articles for the upcoming newsletter. If you have an item of interest you would like placed in the newsletter, please send it to [carmichl@efni.com](mailto:carmichl@efni.com) or place in the Newsletter slot in the church office, on or before 4:00pm May 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope to distribute the newsletter on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance.

**REV. RONI'S VACATION**

Rev. Roni Beharry is on vacation from May 14<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Kathy Mc Callum will provide pastoral care supply emergency relief May 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Jane Howe will provide pastoral care relief May 18<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>.

We have guest speakers visiting with us while Roni is away, John Sheridan will be speaking on May 20<sup>th</sup> and Rev. Lori Campbell will be speaking on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

The coffee fellowship on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> is cancelled due to advance voting polls being held in the hall.

Offertory Blessing

**Creator God, you have blessed our lives with relationships that both inspire and challenge. We offer these gifts so that we might continue to build relationships with one another and with your whole creation. Bless these gifts that they may bring wholeness and life abundance to all your people. We pray. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

**SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE**

Hymn: "Faith of Our Mother's" VU #580 (vs.2,1,3,4)

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.

*Today's Liturgy is adapted from a 2018 United Church of Canada Worship Resource "Kin to One Another", created for Christian Family Sunday.*

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*Friends, neighbours, siblings in faith,*  
**we gather to worship in song, in prayer, in readings from your story/our story, in thoughts and reflections. Let us worship God.**

Opening Prayer:

**God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you. We come as individuals, we come in family units, we come as neighbours and friends. We come here where we are known by name, welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths. We gather with kindred spirits who long to live faithful to your calling. Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us, and nurture us in this time of worship so that we might be enabled to return to our daily lives ready to engage fully with all of your creation. We pray. Amen.**

Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" VU #226

Prayer of Confession:

**O God, you know how hard it is to live in relationships, and yet you call us to do so. At times it is hard to be fully present to our siblings and others in our given families and within this Christian family.**

Our patience may be short, we sometimes don't really listen, we may be tired, or angry, or hungry, or lonely, or ... whatever it is that keeps us from loving and caring for one another, help us to know that you are always with us, loving us so that we may love others.

*(time of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)*

Words of Assurance:

*Through all the joys and all the struggles of living in relationship,  
one truth is offered to each and every one of us:  
God has loved us, is loving us and will always love us.  
Thanks be to God for this unending gift of love. God's love is being made complete.  
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 Hymn: "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"  
VU #395

Children's Time: "Kin to One Another"

Lord's Prayer

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

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

**All: Glory to you O Christ.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1 pg.724

Male Pick-up Choir: "When Mother's of Salem"

By: William M. Hutchings, 1850

Epistle Reading: Acts 1:1-11

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "God Creates Families"

Prayer of Ascription

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"

VU #556 (vs.1-3)

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.**

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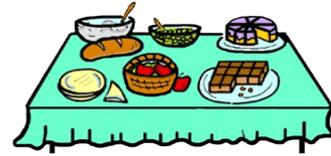
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