

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Psalm: *(Responsive)*

Scripture Lesson:

One: The Good News of Jesus Christ

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Prayer of Ascription

RESPONDING TO GOD

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" VU #642

Offering invitation

Presentation Hymn:

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.

Prayer of Dedication: *(in unison)*

These are our monetary gifts, O God.
With them come our hours of work,
Our years of service, and the love of our hearts.
Bless them in the work of this congregation and in the
compassion they can offer in the world.
AMEN

Prayers of the People:

Includes a moment of silence for personal reflection.
Ending with The Lord's Prayer

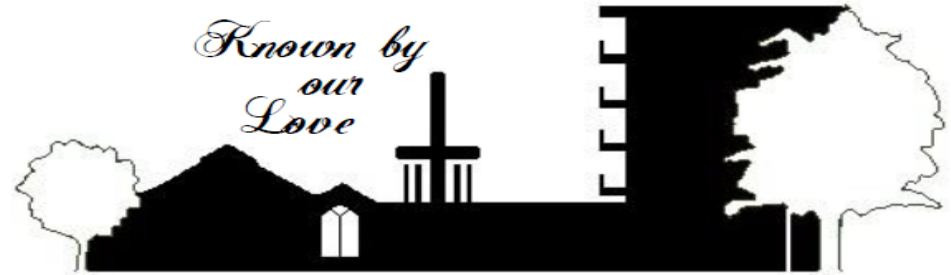
WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S WORLD

Hymn: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" VU#422

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.



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

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

August 12, 2018

The leader today is John Sheridan, LLWL
class of 2015. John is a member of Trinity
United Church, North Bay.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!
If you are new to Emmanuel,
we hope that you will feel welcome.
Please sign the Guest Book before you leave.

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Today at Emmanuel

10:00am Worship

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WE GATHER

Welcome

Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement:

“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.”

Lighting of the Christ Candle: (Responsive)

As we light this Christ candle, we light a symbol of the presence of Jesus, with us individually, and as a community of faith.

As we light this candle, we acknowledge it as guiding us to Jesus’ vision of the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God that is our call, and is the framework for our discipleship.

Choral response: “Where Two or Three are Gathered” (x3)
MV#14

Call to Worship: (*Responsive*)

The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

We come to this house for community, for love and for laughter.

We come to learn about Jesus.

We come to make a joyful noise to God.

Let us open ourselves, body, mind, and spirit, and let God’s Spirit in.

AMEN.

Opening Prayer: (*Unison*)

Great and loving God; in the beauty of this summer day, may we see your creating spirit, inviting us to share the goodness of life.

You have given us the gift of Sabbath rest, and ask us to notice your goodness all around us, to share in the celebration of your word, creating and recreating with each story and in each prayer.

Today may we meet you in our shared wisdom, and longing for understanding, that leads us in the way of Christ.

Keep us from the deluge of distractions, that lead us on a wild goose chase, when we come seeking you.

**Guide us in the way that leads to life; in Christ’s name.
AMEN.**

“A Children of All Ages Story Time”

Hymn: “This Is God’s Wondrous World.” VU# 296

Prayer for Grace: (*Responsive*)

God, forgive us.

God, strengthen us.

God, accompany us.

Forgive us for failing to enjoy the beauty of our easy days;

Forgive us for lacking courage on our hard days;

Forgive us for not lending strength to those who falter;

Forgive us when we forget that you offer all that we require.

(a moment of silence for personal reflection)

God is with us!

ALL: God forgives us; God strengthens us;

God accompanies us and renews us!

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)