

Psalm 84 VU#800

Gospel Reading: John 15: 1-12

One: The Good News of Jesus Christ  
All: Glory to you, O Christ.

Reflection: "Making God's Joy Complete."

Prayer of Ascription

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" VU#333

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

Pastoral Prayer

### SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

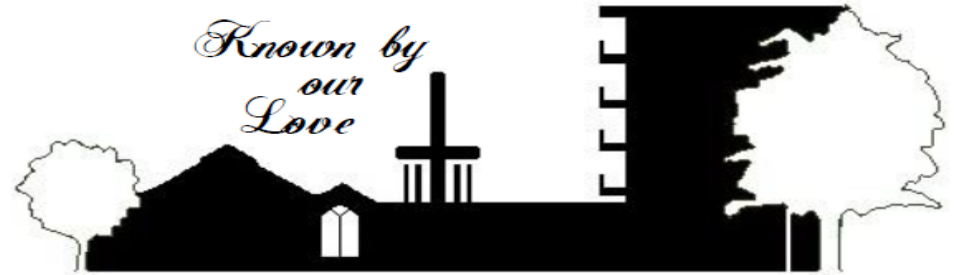
Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV#145

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.

*A musical delight as we go into the world:  
Bette Midler's "The Rose".*



## 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 26, 2018

Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you are new to Emmanuel, we hope that you will feel welcome.

We invite you to join Rev. Roni at Tim Hortons  
for a time of fellowship after today's service.

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

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**Today at Emmanuel**

10:00am Worship Service.

**This Week**

2:00pm Friday Timmies  
at two.

**WE GATHER**  
**CULTIVATING MORE JOY**  
**MAKING GOD'S JOY COMPLETE**

Welcome

Hymn Sing

Announcements

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

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."*

**"The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength."**

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:

We gather together celebrating God's gift of joy.

**We find joy in knowing each other as sister and brother, and in being known by you.**

**We are grateful that we can be present for each other, as You O God are present for us.**

**You nurture joy within us through diverse life's experiences. Help us to make Your joy complete through the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

We pray together:

Opening Prayer:

**Source of Joy, through the power of your Holy Spirit, renew our hearts, minds, souls and bodies.**

**God as we experience the gift of joy you give, help us to be joy-givers.**

**In Jesus's name we pray,**

**Amen**

Hymn: "God of the Sparrow" VU#229

Prayer of Confession:

**Creator God, as community, we have pondered the experience of joy. We have gone into the world and cultivated joy in our lives. Search our hearts and deepen in us a commitment to share the joy you give, Your joy indeed is our collective strength. Going forward, help us to resist becoming so embittered or indifferent that we cannot allow ourselves to celebrate the joy of others. Bless us with open, palpable hearts...**

Words of Assurance:

**Thank you God for gifting us with your joy which is our source of enduring strength.**

**Over and above all, we thank you for the joy of your saving love revealed in Jesus Christ. Glory to you O God.**

**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:"It Only Takes a Spark" VU#289 vs.1,3

Time of Learning Together

Lord's Prayer (Sung)

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**