

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!

ALL: Glory to you O Christ.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

One: Herein is Wisdom

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: "Seek Ye First" By Karen Lafferty &
Douglas E. Wagner.

Sermon: 'Choosing Life: Three Guiding Questions'

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" VU#560

Offering:

Offertory: VU#537

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share. Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Offertory Blessing: *Please see the slides*

God of abundant life, we give you thanks
For your many gifts. ...

Pastoral Prayer:

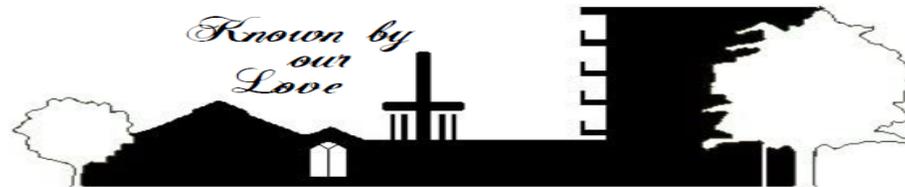
SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" VU#232

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.



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*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.*

February 16, 2020 10:30am

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you are new to Emmanuel, we hope that you feel welcome and that your faith has been enriched through the worship today and that you may come again!

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

Rev. Roni EMERGENCY Contact: 1-416-271-5313

Please note that Rev. Roni is off Monday & Tuesday

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle: Janie Clayton

Ushers: Bob and Judy Pronovost

Reader: Janie Clayton

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Dixon & Jo McCulley

Please join us for a time of fellowship after our service
in the Bert Passmore Hall.

WE GATHER

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: CHOOSING LIFE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16th, 2020

Welcome

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.”

Hymn Sing

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

We light this candle
to remind us of the presence of Christ.

**The light from this candle
shines equally for each of us.**

We light this candle
to remind us of the love of Christ.

**The light from this one candle
shines equally for the world.**

*Written by: Jeanne Wilson, First Grantham U.C., St. Catharine's, ON,
Gathering, Epiphany 2020.*

(Christ candle is lit.)

Announcements

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:

This is the day the Lord has made!

We come rejoicing and giving thanks.

This is the day God invites us to love and to live.

We seek to dwell in God's love

as we turn our hearts toward God.

This is the day to worship our creator and redeemer.

We worship the God of life.

We pray together.

Opening Prayer: *Please see the slides*

Almighty God, we gather in this space
to praise your name.

Hymn: “God Is Here” VU#389

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, there are so many times
when our hearts turn away from you:
when we become angry or judgmental;
when we squander your blessing;
and when we covet things that are not ours.

Forgive us.

Help us speak words of encouragement and love,
and help us follow your ways,
that we may be your faithful followers.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God who chooses life, forgives us. God takes us at our word.
In the name of God, we are forgiven.

Now choose life, and turn your hearts toward God. **Amen.**

Choral Assurance of Forgiveness: (2x)

How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.

How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed.

Hymn: “Open My Eyes, That I May See” VU#371

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119 Part One (1-8) VU#838

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 21-37