

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9

*One: Herein is Wisdom*

All: Thanks be to God

Choir Anthem: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"  
(by Naida Hearn and John F. Wilson)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 13-17

*One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

ALL: Glory to you O Christ.

Sermon: 'Servant Identity'

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "I Bind Unto Myself Today" VU#317

Renewal of Baptismal Faith: "The Apostle Creed"  
VU#918

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 Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

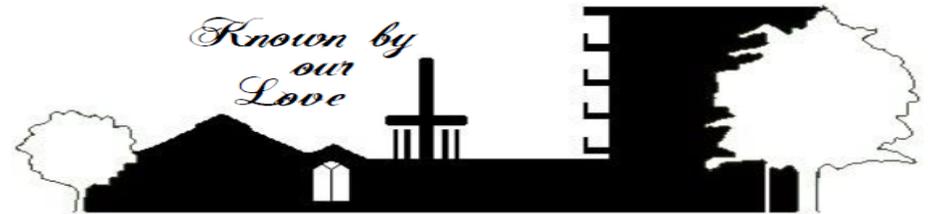
### SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Closing Hymn: "A Light Is Gleaming" VU#82

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.*

January 12, 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.

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

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

Ushers: Barb Maeck & Myrna Bennison

Minute for Mission: Anne Garrett

Readers: Mary Way-White

Coffee Fellowship: Doreen McLuhan

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Please note: Rev. Roni is off Monday & Tuesday.

**WE GATHER**  
**CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
**SUNDAY JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

*Today's prayers are adapted from The Abingdon Worship  
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**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.”

**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.**

**Minute for Mission:** Anne Garrett

**WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Centering Words:**

What if we recognized the image of God within us? What if we celebrated that we are God's beloved from the beginning of our existence? What if we claimed being chosen and destined for a loving purpose? How would we live and respond?

**Call to Worship:**

Created in God's loving image,  
**we gather as the children of God.**

Beloved by Christ, who loves us well,  
**we gather as the beloved body of Christ.**

Blessed by the Spirit of God,  
**we gather in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Opening Prayer:**

God, your Holy Spirit hovered over a formless void,

and called forth life out of chaos, your spirit hovered as cells coalesced during our conception and called forth our creation. You formed us in our mother's womb and you order our days.

Speak to us with your love and your grace.  
Part the clouds of our frantic, harried lives,  
that we may discern your Spirit  
moving in our very midst. Amen

**Opening Hymn:** “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”  
VU#644

**Prayer of Confession:**

Beloved God, who calls us together in love,  
even as we rejoice in your love,  
we ask that you strengthen our love for one another.  
Embolden us to love our adversaries  
and be forgiving of those who wrong us.  
Cover us with your amazing grace,  
that we might love ourselves.  
Guide us to live in your mercy  
that we might remember our baptismal call and identity  
as your beloved. Amen.

**Words of Assurance:**

We are forgiven by God, reaffirmed as “God's Beloved”  
and empowered to serve by the Spirit's Power. The People  
of God say, **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. Amen.

**Hymn:** “I Am a Child of God” MV#157 vs.1,2,4

**Children's Time:** “The Baptismal Shell”

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**