

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Glory to you, O Christ.

Reflection: "No Greater Love than This"

Prayer of Ascription

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response: "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

VU#147 vs.1,2,3

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.

Offertory Blessing

Prayers of the People

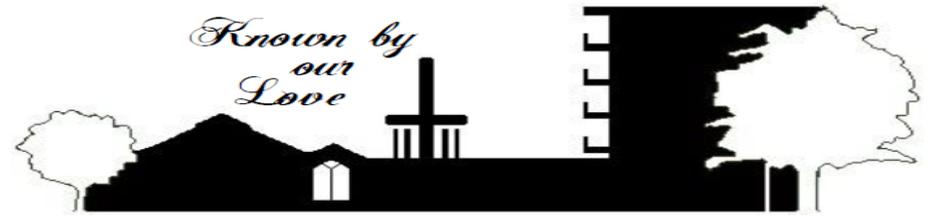
SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

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

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.*

March 31, 2019 10:30am

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

We hope 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
Bert Passmore Hall.

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

Reader: Judi Robinson

Ushers: Judi & Dave Robinson

Coffee Fellowship: Jo McCulley & Brenda Cote

WE GATHER
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
“SIMPLY LOVED”

Welcome

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Territorial Acknowledgement:

“We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinabek 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.

Lenten Candle Liturgy: *Please see the Slides*

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, a time of introspection, ...

....We extinguish the fourth candle, surrendering feelings of unworthiness, thank you for first loving us.

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship:

Creator God, you welcome us weary wanderers home.
You gather us in from our vain searching,
and our foolish attempts to prove our worthiness.
You claim us as your beloved and we praise you.

As community we pray together:

Opening Prayer:

How do we praise you for first loving us?
Words fail us, we are emotionally moved,
your spirit helps us to accept
the deep affirmation of your love

‘we are your beloved, in whom you are well-pleased.’
Simply stated, Amen.

Hymn: “Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love”
VU#574

Prayer of Confession :

Forgive us in when we try to earn our place in the world;
You call to us to return to you, when we compulsively
work harder, go faster, when we are so hard on
ourselves...

Help us to accept the unconditional love you offer us,
by running out to embrace us while still on the path .
Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Your love for us never changes.

It is not that we loved You, but You first loved us.

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: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”
VU#365

Time of Learning Together:

The Lord’s Prayer:

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 32 VU#759

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL: Glory to God, Amen.

Anthem:“Softly and Tenderly Calling” by Patti Drennan

New Testament: Luke 15: 11-32