

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" VU#651

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:

Pastoral Prayer:

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "To Abraham and Sarah" VU#634

Benediction

Hear the words of the psalmist.

"The Lord is your keeper.

The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil.

God will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out
and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore."

Go with the blessings of God.

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.

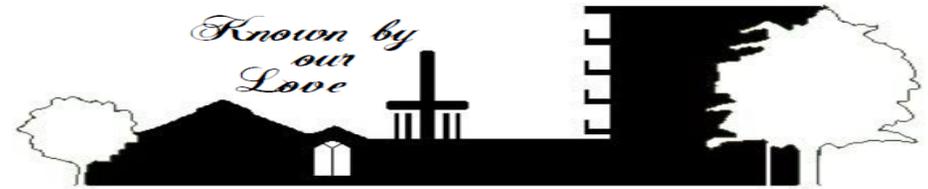
Go now in love, and show you believe.

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 8, 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.

Ushers: Barb Maeck & Myrna Bennison

Reader: Judy Pronovost

Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Judy Pronovost

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

WE GATHER
SECOND SUNDAY DURING THE SEASON OF LENT
“BEING BORN OF THE SPIRIT”

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.

Lenten Candle Liturgy: *Please see the slides*

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, a time of reflection when we are invited to live a more disciplined faith. ...

(The first and second Lenten Candles are extinguished)

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship:

Setting out on journey with God,
we leave our well-worn paths and walk with God.

But we are secure where we are.

Walk in new paths and you will be blessed.

Can’t God bless us on our own turf?

If you will walk in faith,
God will bless those who bless you,
and protect you from those who intend to harm you.

**Lead on, O God,
your faithful people await.**

Receive God’s blessing to be a blessing to others.

As community we pray together:

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, you delight in showing us your kingdom—
a place of blessing, a place of light, a place of Spirit and truth.

May we be born anew in your Spirit,
that we might see the glory you have in store for us
and for the world.

For you sent your Son into our world,
not to condemn us or put us to shame,
but that we might have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

Hymn: “Like A Healing Stream” MV#144

Prayer of Yearning: *Please see the slides*

(Psalm 121, John 3, Gen 12)

**Maker of heaven and earth,
lift our eyes to the hills,
that we might find our help
in times of trial...**

Words of Assurance:

Hear the words spoken by God to Abram,
“Go to the place that I will show you,
and I will bless you, and make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing.”

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.

Time of Learning Together: “Enjoying the Journey with God.”

Hymn: “One More Step Along the World I Go” VU#639

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4

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

ALL: Glory to God, Amen.

Choir Anthem: "God So Loved The World" (by Eugene Englert)

New Testament: John 3: 1-17

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

ALL: Glory to you O Christ.

Reflection: “Formed for the Journey of Faith.”