

**SUNDAY JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> 2021**  
**CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS SUNDAY**

**Protecting the Water of Life**

**The Church Gathers**

**Welcome and Announcements** *(Rev. Roni)*

**Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory** *(Rev. Roni)*

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have lived in gratitude and reciprocity on this land and its waters. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Anishinabek people and, specifically, the Nipissing First Nation, and we thankfully acknowledge their teachings, and their ongoing protection of the land and water.

**Introit:** "River Running in You and Me" MV#163  
*(Piano Solo - John Henderson)*

**The Lighting of the Christ Candle:** *(Rev. Roni)*

**The Call to Worship:** *(Jim Sinclair)*

Our God, as a gentle rain soaks the earth,  
may your peace and love fall upon us,  
bringing growth and life.

Soak into our innermost being.

Quiet all that makes us anxious.

Help us to linger in your presence,

and send us out refreshed, to carry your peace to others.

**Opening Hymn:** "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" VU#578  
*(Jim Sinclair)*

**Gathering Prayers:** *(Kay Heuer)*

*One:*

Holy God, in earth, sea and sky

you are there;

in everything we touch,

in everyone we meet,

your presence is 'round us,

and we give you thanks.

You we have not touched, but trampled, in Creation

you we have not met, but missed, in one another;

you we have not received, but rejected, in the poor.

Forgive us.

**All:**

**God is the love that over and around us lies;**

**the grace that is totally unearned;**

**and the healing that makes the earth whole.**

**Give thanks to God; we are forgiven! Amen**

**Introduce reading of the Children's Book** *(Kay Heuer)*

A Time for learning for all ages: "The Water Walker"

Written and Illustrated by Joanne Robertson. Read by: Teresa Jones

**To Hear the Story:** Announce the reading of scripture *(Rev. Roni)*

**Scripture:** *(Read by: Mary Lawrence)*

**Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**

**Revelation 21:6**

*One: These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.*

**ALL: Let us walk together in their truth.**

**Reflection:** Protecting the Waters of Life *(By: Donna Sinclair)*

**Anthem:** "Water Flowing from the Mountains" MV#87

*(Sung by the Choir)*

**To Be the Story**

**Sharing our Gifts** *(Rev. Roni)*

**Offertory:** "We Give You But Your Own" VU#542

**Prayer of Dedication:** *(Rev. Roni)*

Giver of every good and perfect gift, accept these the gifts we bring.

We offer them, as we offer ourselves

to the work of being your presence in the world. **Amen**

**Prayers at the Memory Candle:** *(Rev. Roni)*

**Prayers of the People:** *(Janie Clayton)*

**To Tell the Story**

**Hymn:** "I See a New Heaven" VU#713

*(Janie Clayton to announce the hymn)*

**The Sending Forth:** *(Kay Heuer and Teresa Jones)*

**Voice One:**

Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid:

**Voice Two:**

For it is the Lord your God who goes with you,  
God will not fail you or forsake you.

**Voices One and Two:**

Go and join Christ in the world,  
healing and speaking words of freedom  
witnessing to the sacred in the midst of life.

**Benediction:** *(Rev. Roni)*

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you this day and always.

**Go now in peace:** *(Rev. Roni)*

**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.**

**Postlude:** "Like a Healing Stream" MV#144

*(Piano Solo - John Henderson)*



*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.*

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*Our Gratitude extends to the Indigenous Solidarity Team of the North Bay and area Mission Cluster for creating and leading this service.*

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