



Emmanuel United Church

March 12, 2021

Emmanuel Newsflash

at 2:00am Sunday March 14, 2021.

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A Message From Rev. Roni

Yesterday, March 11th, marked the one year anniversary of the COVID 19 Pandemic. Not too long after that we closed the doors of our churches, all of our worship service went online, schools went online, restaurants closed and all but essential businesses closed. Some say that the second wave, was the result of reopening the economy too quickly and soon our health care system became overwhelmed. We are just coming out of our second lockdown. Here in North Bay we are likely to stay in the red zone (restrict) for at least another week and neighbouring Sudbury has re-entered lockdown due a rise in variants of concern (VOC). The Worship Committee of Emmanuel United Church has decided to not reopen, until we are at least in the orange zone.

Maybe we made mistakes along the way, by reopening too soon. If we lived in Old Testament

times, it might be said that the rates of infection, death, and isolation that accompanies extended lockdowns, are God's judgement.

My mother would say that our actions have consequences, which some term judgements. While the consequences sometimes sting, God's love for us remains constant. God loved the world a year ago. God loves the world today. God loves the world as we go forward into the future. God chooses solidarity with us. God's grace is always available for us.

Jesus comes into the world, in all its messiness, and meets us right smack in the middle of the wilderness.

Join us for online worship as we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the services are accessible through our YouTube Channel.

Peace, Rev. Roni

- **The Worship Committee** has decided to delay reopening for in-person worship until we are at least in the orange zone or better.
- **The Church Office** secretary continues to work from home. Email & voice mail messages are checked regularly.
- **It is still mandatory** that you wear a face mask, complete the sign-in form & use the sanitizer when entering the Church.

Scriptures for March 14th, 2021

Numbers 21: 4-9

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3: 14-21

Sunday Services are available online:
YouTube: Emmanuel United YouTube Channel
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EUCNorthBay/>
Website: <http://www.emmanuelunitednorthbay.ca/online-services.html>
Twitter: https://twitter.com/emmanuel_united



Happy St. Patrick's Day
Wednesday
March 17

Today's Smile

A little boy was in a relative's wedding.
As he was coming down the aisle he would take
two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd
alternating between bride's side and groom's side.
While facing the crowd, he would put his hands
up like claws and roar.

So it went, step, step, ROAR,
step, step, ROAR
all the way down the aisle.

As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears
from laughing so hard
by the time he reached the pulpit.

haha
haha
haha

When asked what he was doing,
the child sniffed and said,
"I was being the Ring Bear."

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Call the Near North Palliative Care
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"Known by Our Love"

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.

The Manitou Intentional Learning Community
invites you to participate in a three-week
Easter study via Zoom on Mondays from 7:00
p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **March 15th, 22nd and 29th.**



This study, based on Donald
Schmidt's book "**Easter for
Progressive Christians,**"
explores the gospel accounts of
the first Easter from a new
perspective.

Leadership provided by Melody Duncanson
Hales, Dave LeGrand and Gillian Schell.

Print copies and ebooks can be obtained at
[Woodlake Books](http://WoodlakeBooks.com) and from Amazon.ca

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