



Emmanuel United Church

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# Emmanuel Newsflash

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## A Message From Rev. Roni

We are in the middle of the Lenten season and Lent is a time of spiritual preparation. A favourite hymn at this time is, "Take Time to Be Holy" Words by: William D. Longstaff ca. 1882. I am quoting you the first verse of this beloved hymn:

"Take time to be holy,  
speak oft with your Lord;  
abide in him always,  
and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children,  
help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing  
his blessing to seek."

I am learning as I research the theme of holiness that our study of scripture, our prayer life, our charitable service, enable us to approach God's

holiness. They help us to reflect God's holiness, but God's holiness is more perfect and radical than we can imagine. For followers of Jesus, God's holiness is perfectly revealed in his death on the cross and his resurrection. Death on a cross is a violent act, so it doesn't feel natural to associate it with holiness? It's so graphic! However, what if the cross provides an opportunity to confront the ways in which we reject God's love and be healed? Isn't that holy work? Holiness surprises me!

Join me for a time of online worship and reflection this Sunday March 7th at 10:30 am. Please prepare a small piece of bread or cracker and a glass of juice for a time of communion.

Blessings, Rev. Roni

### Scriptures for March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

John 2:13–22

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19 (VU pp. 740-741)



### TODAY-FRIDAY MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

*A global, ecumenical movement of Christian women joined together to observe a common day of prayer.*

To view the service video, or to make a donation, go to [wicc.org](http://wicc.org) and click on the One Hour Service Video button.



### 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](https://twitter.com/emmanuel_united)

\* **The Church Office** secretary continues to work from home. Email and 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.



**AVENUES FOR FINANCIALLY  
SUPPORTING EMMANUEL'S  
MINISTRY AND MISSION:**

**\*PAR:**

(Pre-Authorized Remittance)

**\*AVGEN GIFT CARDS:**

(Contact-gtwilcox96@gmail.com)

**\*ONLINE GIVING:**

(CanadaHelps.org from our Website)

**\*E-TRANSFER:**

(From your personal online bank account to  
Brenda at euctreasurer@gmail.com)

**Thank you!**

**Emmanuel Weekly Bible Study**

Under Rev Roni's direction and Lorne's technical assistance we are continuing to meet on **Zoom on Thursdays at 11:30.**

We are a small group but we enjoy seeing one another and sharing our thoughts on the weekly Bible Readings. If you are interested in joining the Zoom Study, please contact:

rwhitford752@aol.com or phone 705-471-5219.

I will help you connect if needed.

Blessings, Robert

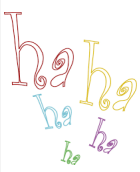


The Manitou Intentional Learning Community invites you to participate in a three-week Easter study based on Donald Schmidt's book *Easter for Progressive Christians*. This study explores the gospel accounts of the first Easter from a new perspective. The study will take place via **Zoom on Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.**

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

Print copies and ebooks can be obtained at [Woodlake Books](#) and from Amazon.ca

**To register go to the website <http://www.manitoulearningcommunity.com/> click on Register and complete the registration form. Contact [manitouintentionallearning@gmail.com](mailto:manitouintentionallearning@gmail.com) with any questions.**



**Today's Smile**

A sweet grandmother telephoned the local hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother, in her weak, tremulous voice, said "Norma Findlay, Room 302."

The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room."

After a few minutes the operator returned to the phone and said, "I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me anything."

**"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.**

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