

Today at Emmanuel 10:30am Worship Service

“A FRESH EXPRESSION OF FAITH”

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

Reader: Elaine Simmens
Projectionist: Phillip Carmichael
Ushers: Robert Pronovost

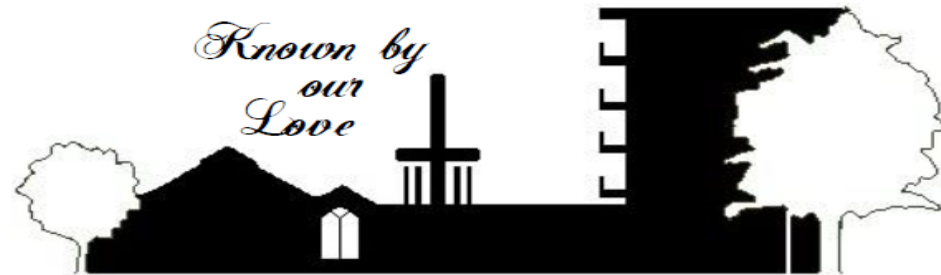


We hope that you have been enriched through the
worship today and that you will come again.

STAFF

Minister: Rev. Roni Beharry
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**Office Hours: Wednesday - Friday
9:00am - 1:00pm**



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

*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.*

September 16, 2018

10:30am

Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you are new
to Emmanuel, we hope that you will feel welcome.

Please introduce yourself to our minister, Rev. Roni
Beharry and sign the Guest Book before you leave.

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WE GATHER

WELCOME-BACK SUNDAY

“A FRESH EXPRESSION OF FAITH”

Welcome

Hymn Sing

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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.”

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.

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship:

O God, we gather as a community of your disciples, daring to express love that you reveal to us in Jesus Christ.

Along the rugged ways of our faith journey, we have experienced your welcome, your caring and your spiritual nurture.

Your cross stands before as a sober reminder that your way did not fit the conventions of your time or our time. You know the crosses, the pains and the burdens, that we bear...

**Discerning Our Future in Faith for EUC:
Examining our mission, values and priorities**

TODAY: Welcome back Sunday

and

Strategic Planning Kick-off

(Lunch provided)

Strategic Planning Retreat:

Food Provided.

No Homework. Open Hearts and Minds!

A willingness to share!

- **October 12th (5: 30 pm-8:30 pm)**

- **October 13th (9:00 am-4:30 pm)**

**Coffee, tea, muffins, fruit, cheese
and lunch provided!**

- **October 14th Worship theme:**

“Discerning Our Future in Faith”

Stay tuned for news about:

Congregational Coffee Hour

Breakout Groups and Feedback Box!

Each voice is valued!

**Thanks to Jeff Celentano (consultant)
and The Planning Team!**



Choir Anthem: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
(by Thomas D. Chisholm, Wm. M. Runyan, and Jane Marshall)

Gospel Reading: Mark 8: 27-38

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ

All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Reflection: "A Fresh Expression of Faith."

Prayer of Ascription: "Take, O Take Me as I Am" MV #85

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "God of the Bible" MV #28

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.

Pastoral Prayer

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU #563

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.

A musical delight as we go into the world a Hillsong favourite "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBJJJkiRukY>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Welcome/Welcome Back Luncheon TODAY** after the 10:30 Service. The purpose of this Luncheon is to Welcome people who are new to our church & for those who have been around for a short or long time. The Congregational Life & Work Committee put this luncheon on with the help of some of the Congregation to encourage fellowship & a chance to catch up or establish new relationships. Along with the Luncheon this is a kick-off for the new planning session so come participate in your church activities!

♦ **Turkey Supper Planning Committee Meeting** 7:00pm TODAY, September 16.

• **Wednesday Bible Study** will resume shortly. This small group comes together because they want to dive deeper into the previous Sunday's message and scripture to help understand things better. They always welcome newcomers!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

Now accepting articles for the upcoming newsletter. If you have an item of interest you would like placed in the newsletter, please send it to carmichl@efni.com or place in the Newsletter slot in the church office, on or before 2:00 p.m. September 23rd. We hope to distribute the newsletter on September 30th. Thank you in advance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Timmies at Two: Friday's at the Tim Hortons/Wendy's at 2:00pm. Join Rev. Roni and Lorne for conversations about our faith and how it intersects with our lives and culture.

Choir Practice 7:30pm

West Ferris Community Brunch

The West Ferris Community Brunch has been serving the North Bay community with a breakfast twice a month since June 6, 1996!!



The Outreach Mission and Service Committee and West Ferris Community Brunch welcome non-perishable food items to help support those less fortunate. Items such as pasta, tomato sauce, canned soups, fruit, beans, cereal, meat, and fish are most welcome. Other items that would be welcome include toiletries, toilet paper, toothbrushes, coffee and tea. Donations made the 3rd Sunday of the month will be distributed at the Community Brunch which is held the 4th Saturday of the month.

The remainder of the food items will be distributed from the EUC food *cupboard*. *Thank you !*



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and you compassionately empower us to reject complacency, and lean into discomfort through your **gifts of courage and grace.**

And we declare as prayer:

Thank you for always being with us. Thank you for the symbols of faith that speak your power and truth into our lives. Glory to God.

Amen.

Hymn: "God Is Here" VU #389

Prayer of Confession:

Indeed, O God, we try to believe and when sad realities confront us, our faith is shaken, doubt sets in...

so from time to time we confess,

"Lord we believe; Help our Unbelief."

Words of Assurance:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ never leaves us.

Open up your hearts and minds and claim the new life that Christ offers us. Rise above in the knowledge that Christ has overcome the trials of this world and be bold in your proclamation.

Glory to you O Christ.

Amen.

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: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"
VU #356

Time of Learning Together

Lord's Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Proverbs 1: 20-33