

**CHORAL BLESSING** (sung together)  
God Be With You (Thomas A. Dorsey)  
God be with you (x2), God be with you  
until we meet again ccli#262153

## Mother & Daughter Banquet

Emmanuel United Church

1728 Lincoln Road

Friday,

**May 11, 2018**

6 pm

\$20.00

children under 6 free

Advance tickets only are

available by

phoning the church

office 519 253-8791 or

519 727-6616

**DOOR PRIZES**



### SOCIAL INNOVATIONS CHALLENGE Needs ...

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

**Registration (2)**  
Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Hosts**  
To interact with guests  
and offer hospitality  
Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

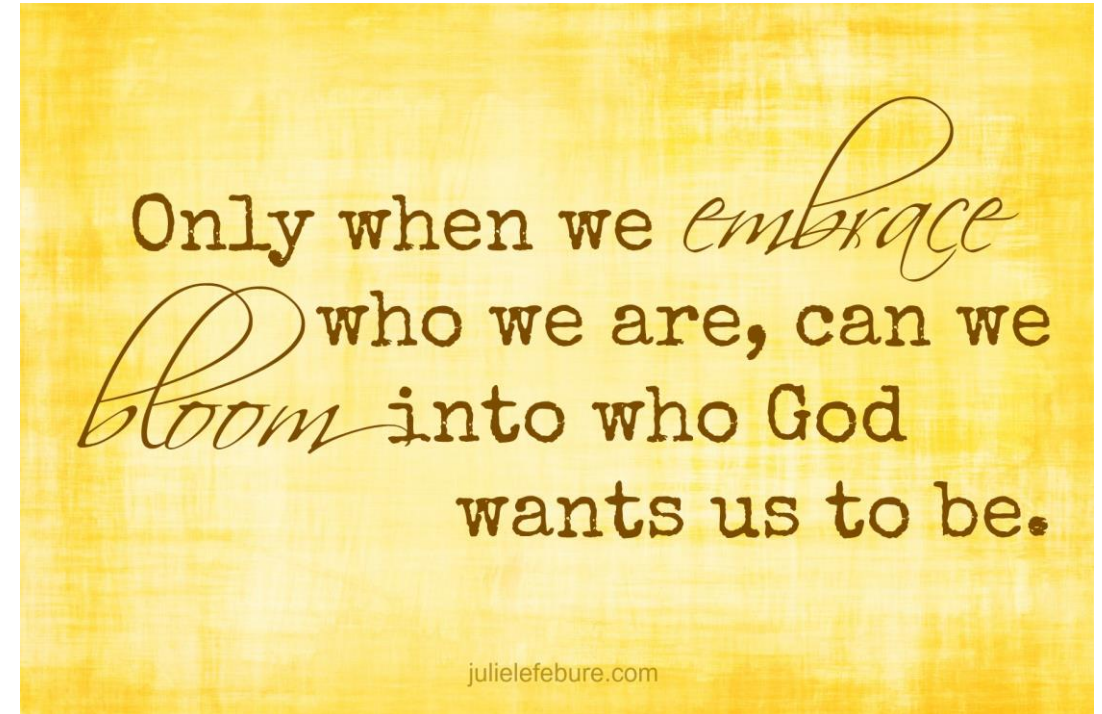
**Lift**  
Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Midday

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# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**April 15, 2018**  
**10:30 am**



**MINISTER**  
**Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
Nicholas Morvay

**MINISTER EMERITUS**  
Rev. Dr. John Palmer

**We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We strive to show our love through service to all humanity.**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**April 15, 2018**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

**All: Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.**

One: We celebrate the presence of the risen Christ among us.

**All: Doubts have been erased and uncertainty has turned to faith.**

One: Let us rejoice and be glad!

**OPENING HYMN:** VU173 Thine is the Glory

**OPENING PRAYER**

L: God of new life, we yearn for your presence and the renewing power it holds.

**P: Your grace is our security. Your strength is our courage. Your love is our saving power.**

L: Into the chaos of human life, you sent your Beloved Son to bring peace.

**P: You invite us to become like Christ, bearers of peace and good news and You call us your children.**

L: Yet we confess, O God that we often turn away from the new life you offer.

**ALL: In moments of fear and uncertainty, we doubt the truth of the resurrection. Like the disciples, we shut our doors to hide from danger and darkness.**

**Despite our experiences of grace, we tell ourselves that the hope of Easter is too good to be true. Instead of turning to the life-giving relationships we have with the risen Christ, we seek to save ourselves. Forgive us and help us resolve our uncertainties. Restore us to Easter faith. Replace our doubts with wonder and our disbelief with joy. Grant us the confidence to embrace the new life you offer. Open our hearts so that we may be used as instruments of your peace.**

*L: Hear the words of the risen Christ: God has called us his children and sent his Son so that we may be forgiven. Through Christ's sacrifice, we have received new life. Embrace the peace that this new life brings and generously extend it to others. Thanks be to God. Amen*

**ALL: Amen**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**HYMN:** VU 585 Jesus Bids Us Shine  
*Children leave for Sunday School*

**OFFERTORY INVITATION:**

L: Our faith is lived out through the giving of ourselves- our time, our talent and our treasure. May we live the promise of faith this morning, in part, by our offering.

**OFFERTORY DEDICATION:** VU 236  
Now Thank We All Our God

**ALL: With grateful hearts and generous spirits, we offer these gifts and ourselves to your work, through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Be Still and Know that I am God

L: Thank you, loving God, for your presence in our lives, and for the many ways you make yourself known to us...

**P: in words spoken in peace, in actions that embody love, in creation that awakens the spirit and in worship that inspires faith.**

L: With memories of the grace we have known, and with confidence in the grace we have yet to know, we offer our prayers of intercession:

**P: On this third week after Easter, we pray that all people will come to know the life-giving joy of relationship with Christ.**

L: We pray for those who are feeling fearful, worried, or overwhelmed.

**P: Reveal to them your risen presence.**

L: We pray for those who are living with violence and unrest. In our world, we pray especially for the people of the Middle East.

**P: Reveal to them your risen presence.**

L: One: We pray for our national, provincial, and municipal leaders.

**P: Reveal to them your risen presence.**

L: We pray for other churches in our community and Christians around the world, especially those who are being persecuted.

**P: Reveal to them your risen presence.**

L: We pray for all of our neighbours, especially for those living in poverty or on the margins of society.

**P: Reveal to them your risen presence.**

L: We pray for those who are ill and those in need of your special attention. In our own congregation prayer is...

**P: Reveal to them your risen presence.**

L: Now, loving God, we pray for ourselves.

**All: In the coming week, may we grow in strength and courage as we worship you and serve our neighbours. In the challenges and opportunities that come our way, strengthen our intentions, purify our love, and deepen our faith, so that the Easter message of new life may be made visible through us.**

**WORD**

VU840 Ref 5 Thy Word is a Lamp

**SCRIPTURES**

Epistle: Acts 3:12-19

Gospel: 1 John 3:1-7

**Last reader:** These are the words from the scriptures we love

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM:** "City of God" by Daniel Schutte

**THE MESSAGE:** "Embracing Who We Are"

**CLOSING HYMN:** VU 675 Will Your Anchor Hold

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

L: May God's love restore you. May Christ's teaching inspire you. May the Holy Spirit empower you to offer love to all you meet. Go forth and in everything you do and say, remember whose you are.



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Come out to help this World Wildlife Fund initiative.

Thank you,  
Michele McGregor



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