

May our eyes be affixed upon the suffering of the cross and the hope of the empty tomb so that we may live as resurrection people.
Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU 400 Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

L: God of all times and places we thank you that there is no place we can go where your spirit is not already there. Long before us, you were. Long after us you will be. Here and now, in the sad and in the joyous, in fear and in confidence, in hope and in despair, in beauty and in distress, you are present. Where you are life is blessed. Love is energized. Courage is discovered.

P: As we pray for our world and its people, rekindle our belief, not that you will do our bidding, but that your will be done as it is in heaven.

L: We focus our prayer on people in our communities and in our world:

P: That are struggling, we call to mind especially those who are lonely, worried or plagued with anxiety. Bring peace of mind to all who live despair.

L: We pray for places in our world where there is injustice and hatred.

P: Bring your compassion and kindness to places of brokenness.

L: Hear us as we bring before you the people whom we love and care for. My prayer is..

L: As we have brought our prayers that have been on our hearts this week.

ALL: Bring the fullness of life to those we love and feel concern. Stir to life our sense of urgency for the redeeming of others and our willingness to do our part. Amen

CLOSING HYMN: You Are My All in All
(Dennis Jernigan)

1. You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus:

**Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name**

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all **Chorus**

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

L: The spirit has breathed upon us,

All: and life spouts up where there is death.

L: Come, let us go with **expectation and wonder** in the Lord our God.

All: There is no time like the present to trust God, to proclaim Christ, to be guided by the Holy Spirit as we work to heal the world. Amen

CHORAL BLESSING (sung together)

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul. May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day. May God's countenance shine upon you And be gracious to you. May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place. *ccli#262153*

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**Completing the New Testament:
Week of April 2, 2017
2 Corinthians Chapters 10-13**

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**April 2, 2017
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
LENT 5
April 2, 2017

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: So I call us to a holy fast...and a holy feast in each day of this Lenten season ahead. Let us...

ALL: Fast from facts that depress and feast on examples that inspire. Fast from discouragement and feast on hope. Fast from anxiety and feast on prayer.

PROCESSION OF DRY BONES

HYMN: VU Breathe On Breath of God
(Children will come forward)

CELEBRATING LIFE EVENTS

(Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries)
Birthday Song (tune Happy Birthday)
Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true. May God's richest blessings descend upon you.

Anniversary Song – Bind Us Together
Bind them together Lord, bind them together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind them together Lord, bind them together Lord, bind them together with love.

(Persons are invited to come forward for a blessing)

HYMN FOR BLESSING: VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom

DRAMATIC READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14 The Message (MSG)

HYMN: VU 368 Holy Spirit Truth Divine

RESPONSIVE READING

John 11:1-15; 20-27;31-35;38-45 Trans. by Taylor Burton--Edwards

Narrator: Now a certain man fell ill, Lazarus, from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister, Martha. This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother, Lazarus, was ill. So the sisters sent to Jesus, saying:

Congregation: Lord, the friend you love is ill.

Narrator: When Jesus heard it, he said:

Jesus: This illness doesn't end in death, but in the glory of God, so the son of God may be glorified through it.

Narrator: Now, Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. Still, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two days more. Then, after that, he said to his disciples:

Jesus: Let's go to Judea again.

Choir: **Rabbi, people in Judea want to stone us, and you're taking us there again?**

Jesus: Aren't there twelve hours of daylight? If people walk in the daylight, they don't stumble because they see the light of this world. But if they go walking at night, they do stumble, because there is no light in them.

(Silence)

Lazarus, our friend, has fallen asleep. But I'm heading there to waken him!

Choir: **Lord, if he's asleep, he's going to be safe.**

Jesus: Lazarus died. And I'm happy for your sake that I wasn't there. This way, you might believe. So, let's go to him!

Narrator: When Martha heard that Jesus was arriving, she went to greet him. Mary sat in the house.

Congregation, Right Side: Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. Yet I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you.

Jesus: Your brother will rise again.

Congregation, Right Side: I know he will be raised at the resurrection on the last day.

Jesus: I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever entrusts their life to me, even though they should die, yet they will live. And everyone who is alive and entrusts their life to me shall not die in the age to come. Do you believe this?

Congregation (Left side): Yes, Lord. I have believed that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who is coming into the world.

Narrator: There were several religious leaders with Mary in the house, comforting her.

They saw Mary get up and go out, and they followed her, assuming she was heading to the tomb to bewail there. But when Mary got to where Jesus was, she saw him, and fell at his feet, saying:

Congregation (Left side): Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

Narrator: When Jesus saw her bewailing, and the religious leaders who had come with her also bewailing, he groaned in his spirit. He was stirred up.

Jesus: Where have you laid him?

Choir: **Sir, come and see.**

Narrator: Jesus teared up and began to weep.

Pause

Narrator: So again, groaning inwardly, Jesus goes to the tomb. A cave was there, and a stone lay upon it.

Jesus: Lift away the stone.

Narrator: Martha, sister of the dead man, said to him:

Congregation, Right: Lord, already he smells bad. It's been four days.

Jesus: Did I not say to you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?

Narrator: So they lifted away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

Jesus: Father, I thank you that you have heard me. Indeed, I have always known you hear me,

but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing around so they might believe you have sent me.

(Loudly shouting): Lazarus, come out!

Narrator: The dead man came out, bound foot and hand with strips of cloth, and his face was wrapped with a facecloth.

Jesus: Unbind him, and let him go his way.

Silence

L: We are not alone, we live in God's world

All: We are called to be the Church to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children will leave for Sunday School)

OFFERTORY: MV 122 This is the Day

DEDICATION

ALL: Lord God, our Refuge and our Fortress, receive our gifts as symbols of our trust. In our giving we proclaim that it is you who protects and provides. Bless our gifts and use both them and us for your purposes. Amen

HYMN: VU661 Come to My Heart (v 1-2)

SERMON: "What time is it?"

PRAYER OF RESPONSE:

ALL: God of all compassion and consolation, your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair with the hope and faith. Inscribe your law on our hearts that in this life, we may be the body of Christ. Help our hands to hold the sick and suffering. Help our feet to walk with the poor. Help our ears to listen to those who live in despair.



SAVE THE DATE!

Event: Mother/Daughter Banquet
Date: Friday, May 12th
Cost: \$15.00
More details to follow!



LITURGICAL DANCE PRACTICE
There will be a Liturgical Dance Practice on **Thursday, April 6th** @ 6pm to prepare for Easter Sunday.



EASTER PLANTS

Sunday, April 2nd

will be the last day of the sale.
Available in purple, pink and blue.
Cost \$14.00

You can take them home to decorate or keep them on display for Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday. All plants must be taken home after service on Easter Sunday.

Please contact Jean Kalbfleisch.

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR EUC APRON!

The order for the new aprons will be placed this week. Cost \$18.00. Please see Irene Alexander this Sunday if interested.



Save the Children

FONDANT EASTER EGGS will be available for purchase next Sunday. Cost \$3.50 each. **Proceeds to Save the Children Canada.**



USED STAMPS

Just a reminder that we are still collecting used postage stamps.

A 10 lb. box of stamps is sold as a "charity mix" for \$60.00 and in turn is used to purchase 20 "Key to Freedom" bibles (paperback CEV translation). These bibles are distributed to Chaplains in their Canadian prison ministry.

Here at Emmanuel, we have a collection box in Ottawa Hall and the East Parlour.

Please clip a 1/4" border around each stamp before dropping them into the collection box for us to prepare and forward them to the Toronto office of The Canadian Bible Society.

Thank you,
Shelia & Alma



WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, April 5th** @ 7:00pm.



Happy Birthday during the Month of April to:

Irene Alexander
Landon Bickerstaff
Zaiden Forbes
Karen Harrop
Anderson Krieger
Denise McGee
Jennifer Palmer
Dieter Waters

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO TONY & SANDRA PLATT



DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL