

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



MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

The last day to purchase tickets is
Monday, May 7th



WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 2nd
@ 7:00pm

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday – Thursday 1:30pm- 4:00pm
Friday 1:30pm – 6:00pm

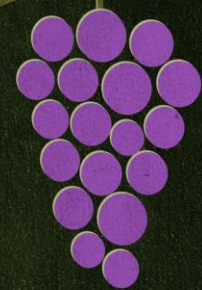
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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

April 29, 2018
10:30 am

I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever abides in me and I in him,
he it is that bears much fruit,
for apart from me you can do nothing.



John 15:5

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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 29, 2018
5th Sunday of Easter

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

P: Like crocuses breaking through the thawing earth, resurrection power breaks into our world in surprising ways.

L: Like the vine that upholds the blossoms and fruit, God's word upholds the church.

P: Like a gardener, God tends all creation.

L: Let us worship God who makes all things new.

OPENING HYMN: VU232 Joyful,
Joyful We Adore You

OPENING PRAYER

L: Risen Lord, you are the vine and we are the branches. We dwell in you and you dwell in us.

P: Through your love we are nourished and are made to bear fruit.

L: We gather today to lift our praises to you.

P: Your love is our strength.

L: Your energy is our joy.

P: Your faithfulness is our security.

L: Your attentiveness is our hope.

P: Your presence is the source of our contentment.

L: Your power is able to redeem and transform even the most difficult situations.

P: In all places we find signs of your deep love

L: As we lift our praises, we cannot but help recognize the areas in which we fall short. Trusting in your deep love for us, we ask for forgiveness:

ALL: For our lack of respect for the earth; for our greed which leads to exploitation; for our pride which causes us to ignore or abuse others; for our tendency to seek affirmation in the wrong places; for our insecure grasping after praise; for all the ways we fail to live as your people; for our anger and resentment when we do not get what we want and for the pain we cause to those around us. Forgive us, O God, and recreate us through your love.

L: God is love. When we turn to God and love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us. Receive this great love and know that you are forgiven.

ALL: Amen

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN: VU289 It Only Takes a Spark
(v1)

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 273

The King Love (v1, 5, 6)

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: VU671 I

Need Thee Every Hour (v1, 4)

L: God of love and new beginnings, as we celebrate the life offered to all creation through Christ Jesus, we are filled with thanks.

P: Our gratitude moves us to pray for the many places in the world where there is suffering.

L: We pray for places where day-to-day life is characterized by conflict and discord.

P: May your peace and hope be experienced by all who live in fear of violence and injustice.

L: We pray for communities that are economically diminished and households that are struggling to make ends meet.

P: May all know the fullness of your promises and the abundant life offered through your son.

L: We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one or dealing with an unwanted change in their life.

P: May they know your comfort and support as they become accustomed to their new reality.

L: We pray for our families, friends, those who we have concern for and for ourselves. In particular, our prayer is...

L: May we be filled with a strong sense of your presence and guiding Spirit.

ALL: In Jesus name we pray, Amen

WORD

VU 589 Lord Speak to me (v1)

SCRIPTURES

Epistle: Acts 8:26-40

Gospel: 1 John 4:7-21

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

ALL: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

THE MESSAGE: "Easter People Reflect God's Love"

CLOSING HYMN: VU595 We Are Pilgrims

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.

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.

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