

2. There are millions in this world who are seeking. For pleasures earthly goods afford. But none can match the wondrous treasure that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

3. So my friend if there are things this world gives you. Leave hunger that won't pass away. My blessed Lord will come and save you. If you kneel to Him and humbly pray.

**Chorus: Fill my cup, Lord;  
I lift it up Lord; Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more. Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.**

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

*L: The way will be sometimes more than you can handle.*

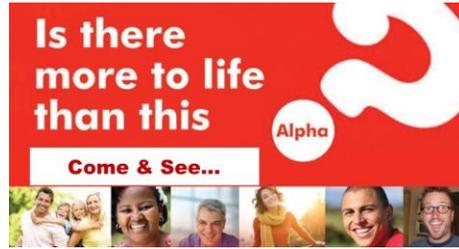
**P: There is much work to be done, and many times we will feel that we want to give up.**

*L: Never give up, instead trust in the love of the faithful Creator, the peace of the wounded Healer, the joy of the challenging Spirit, the hope of the Three in One, to accompany and strengthen you today, tonight and forever.*

**P: We go to live as those who follow Christ. Amen.**

**CHORAL BLESSING** (sung together)

God Be With You (Thomas A. Dorsey)  
God be with you, God be with you, God be with you until we meet again; God be with you, God be with you, God be with you until we meet again. ccli#262153



**ALPHA PROGRAM**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

**WHERE:** Emmanuel United Church  
**WHEN:** Each Thursday  
April 5<sup>th</sup> – May 31  
**TIME:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
**LOCATION:** Banquet Hall

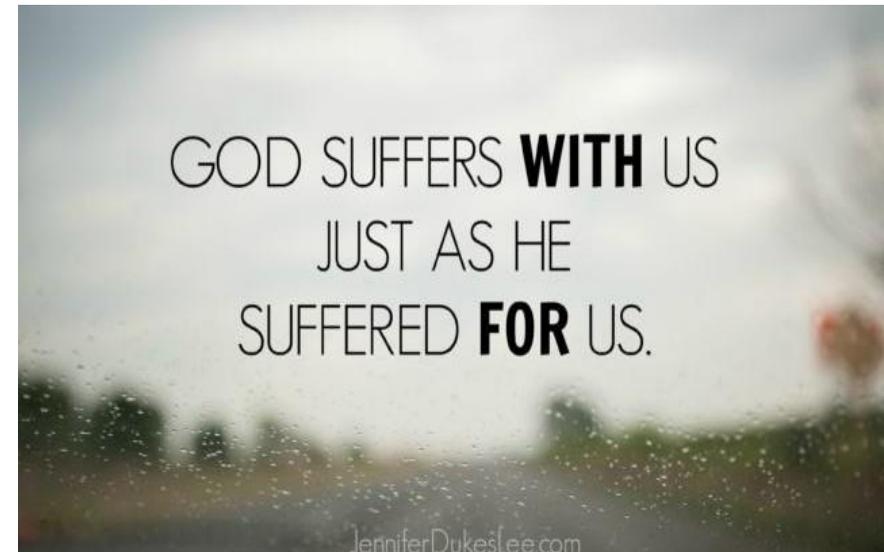
Light supper provided  
at each gathering!

Please see Marg Grieve or  
Rev Sadekie if interested.



# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

March 18, 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**  
**March 18, 2018**  
**Lent 5**

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, all who desire to know God.

**All: Come, all who yearn to see Jesus.**

One: Come, all who thirst for the Spirit.

**All: The triune God awaits us. Let us worship and enjoy the Lord, our God.**

**OPENING HYMN:** VU559 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

**PRAYER**

L: Creating God, Loving Son, Guiding Spirit, with thundering voice and mighty love, you wake us from slumber, O God, and we glorify your name.

**P: The paths you have prepared for us lead to new life. The victory you won for us draws us into your glory.**

L: Wonderful are your deeds and great is your name! And so we praise you and sing of your glory again and again.

**ALL: As we ponder your sacrifice, we recognize the self-centered ways in which we lead our lives. We are called to service and you entrust us with the task of embodying your love in this world yet, we confess, we fall short. We ignore your voice and turn away from the life-changing path you have created for us. Motivated by worldly success, we cling to our plans and hold to our will**

**instead of being molded by your grace. Lost in our busyness and our worries, we neglect to show the sacrificial love that should characterize us as your people. Forgive us, loving God. Help us seize the moment at hand and lead us in your way, so that we may be drawn to you and a deeper life with Jesus. Amen.**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

VU 585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

**OFFERTORY INVITATION:**

L: The Lord did not hold back even His Son so that we would have eternal life! Let us therefore find joy in giving to the ministries and work of this church in our world for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**OFFERTORY DEDICATION:** VU 412

This is the Day

**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 now that I am God

I am the Lord that healeth thee

L: O God, in the midst of endless change, your eternal promise is constantly given new expression.

**P: All endings and all beginnings are known to you. While we do not understand the meaning of all that happens, we are grateful that you are part of it all, that you understand our fears, that you support and guide us,**

**and that you are drawing all things into you.**

L: We give thanks: that you intend good for us; that your covenant is to be trusted;

**P: For the solid rock of our faith beneath our feet; for the gift of prayer and the mysterious way it works for the good of all things.**

L: Loving God, in this time of change when there is much to be anxious about, we pray for the world you love.

**P: We ask that you show the way of peace in the troubled places, especially the Middle East and Africa. Bring healing to those who have been hurt, wisdom to those who lead, and a vision of peace to all.**

L: We pray for good relations between religious groups. In particular, we pray for openness and respect between Christians and Muslims, in Canada, and around the world.

**P: We pray for peace and harmony in all places. In silence we bring before you:**

- **A family in turmoil; (pause)**
- **A relationship in tension; (pause)**
- **A difficult work setting; (pause)**
- **An individual depressed or anxious; (pause)**

L: We pray for the continuing ministry of Christ in our neighbourhoods and around the world. Especially we remember the work of churches in the Essex Presbytery. Give your people vision and strength to serve you faithfully.

**P: We pray for ourselves, for our dreams, hopes, fears, and anxieties.**

L: In particular today, my prayer is...

L: As we continue our journey through life

**ALL: In all circumstances, grant us truth in our inward beings, teach us wisdom in our secret heart, restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit.**

**WORD**

**Preparing to Listen:** MV 18 Lord

Prepare Me

**SCRIPTURES**

NT: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM:** "Lord, Be Glorified"

By John Purifoy

**THE MESSAGE: He Has Come To Identify With Our Pain**

**CLOSING HYMN:** Fill My Cup, Lord (Richard Blanchard)

1 . Like the woman at the well, I was seeking. For things that could not satisfy. And then I heard my Savior speaking— "Draw from My well that never shall run dry."

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