

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find, no other is so loving, so good and kind.  
[Refrain]

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**  
**L:** And now may the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the comforter, rest, remain and abide with us and our loved ones near and far, enabling us to forgive and forget. Now and forever more. Amen.

**CHORAL BLESSING** (sung together)  
 God Be With You, until we meet again  
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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
 FOR  
 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

Emmanuel United Church will be having a picture day on **August 8 & 9** and **September 26 & 27** for our new pictorial directory. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate this event. Please see Cathy Shanahan if interested.



**Completing the New Testament:  
 Week of May 14, 2017  
 Philippians 3-4**



**OFFICE HOURS**  
 Tuesday – Thursday  
 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Friday 1:30pm - 6:00pm

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If you would like to become a member of Emmanuel United Church, we welcome you.  
 Please talk to Rev. Sadekie.

# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**May 14, 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

May 14, 2017

Mother's Day

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Good morning! It's a beautiful Sunday morning, and we have gathered for worship

**P: We are grateful for the gift of this new day, and for the gift of this time together, that we might bring God the offering of our lives and be strengthened by God's friendship and presence.**

L: May this time be a blessing to us. Come and let us worship God.

**OPENING HYMN:** VU664 What A Friend We Have in Jesus

#### PRAYER

**L:** Steadfast and loving God, you are our refuge in times of trouble and our shelter when we are afraid. In you we trust, in you we see the way forward, in you we see what is true and authentic; in you we find abundant life and new life.

**ALL: And so we worship and love you as God who creates and gives life, the Son who preached the truth of the good news, and the Holy Spirit who guides us; this day and always. When we fail to see the needs of those around us, but easily satisfy our own, forgive us. Forgive us for the many ways we have fallen short. Help us to forgive as we wish to be forgiven. Transform us, and make us truly live in love. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the one who continues to show us the way.**

**AMEN**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN:** VU 585 Jesus Bids Us Shine  
(Children come forward during singing. We sing verses 1 and 2)

VU 585 Jesus Bids Us Shine (sing verse 3 as the children leave for Sunday Sch.)

#### CONSECRATION OF BANNERS

**In memory of Sue Aseltine**

#### 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. Amen

**OFFERTORY DEDICATION** VU 540 Grant Us, God, the Grace

**ALL: With gratefulness, we offer these gifts and ourselves to your work. May it bring healing and hope in the world, where ever it reaches through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

L: Eternal God, on this day we lift up all mothers to you. Scripture has prepared us to recognize that by your grace, mothering takes many forms. We lift up those who have experienced joy and fulfillment in mothering

**P: those who have known the pain of a child's death**

L: those who are facing motherhood again, or for the first time

**P: we lift up those for whom childlessness represents a loss**

L: and who have such unbounded love that they mother all God's children

**P: we pray for mothers who lament their separation from their children for whatever reason**

L: for those who mother others of the previous generation who are now seniors

**P: and those who are the previous generation loving extended families**

L: Likewise, the experiences of being mothered are many and varied. We lift up those who have cherished memories of being mothered

**P: those who may have suffered abuse, neglect or emotional harm**

L: those who remember with joy being mothered by a broader community of women

**P: those who have experienced, or are in the midst of, grief for the loss of a mother or mother figure**

L: those who were adopted into the loving arms of a mother

**P: all who may continue to experience estrangement from their mother**

L: those who have been raised by their mother with deep, abiding love and respect

**P: and those who in the image of God as Mother find faith and comfort.**

L: God, we also lift up any experiences of motherhood or being mothered that have been left unspoken. On this day, we also lift up those who feel lost or alone, who live with great anxiety and doubt and who are fearful of what tomorrow might bring. Heal those who suffer pain and make your justice known to all are hurt by injustice. In particular we pray for...My prayer is...

L: Open the eyes of those who struggle so that they can see that there is a new way that is filled with hope and with the promise of rest and renewal through us.

**ALL: Help us and your church to follow you so that in our living and loving your kingdom is ushered in.**

#### WORD

**Preparing to Listen:** "Ancient Words" M. W. Smith (v1 & refrain)

#### SCRIPTURES

**Epistles:** 1 Corinthians 13:17

Ephesians 4:17-27, 31-32

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM:** "One Song" by Pepper Choplin

**THE MESSAGE:** Road to Healing 3: Forgive & Forget

**Closing Hymn: He Lives (Alfred H. Ackley)**

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever others say; I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him he's always near.

**Refrain:**

**He lives, he lives,**

**Christ Jesus lives today!**

**He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.**

**He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!**

**You ask me how I know he lives?**

**He lives within my heart.**

2. In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair; I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast, the day of his appearing will come at last. [Refrain]