

PREPARING TO LISTEN: VU 356 Seek
Ye First the Kingdom (verse 1)

SCRIPTURE READING

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Reader: These are words from the
scriptures we love

CONG: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: "Jubilate, Sing to God!" by
Dave and Jean Perry.

MESSAGE: "Intoxicated by Love"

CLOSING HYMN: *The love of God is
greater far* (Frederick Martin Lehman)

1. The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Refrain:

**Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.**

2. When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—
The saints' and angels' song. **[Refrain]**

3. Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every
man a scribe by trade; to write the love of
God above. Would drain the ocean dry; nor
could the scroll contain the whole, though
stretched from sky to sky. **[Refrain]**

BENEDICTION

L: Return to the world giving thanks to God
for your many blessings, and sharing those
blessings with your neighbour, all for the
love of God to be made known to all.

**ALL: We go out to be fill the world with
the love it so desperately needs.**

CHORAL BLESSING (*sung together*)

**Go now in peace never be afraid, God will
go with you each hour of every day. Go
now in faith, steadfast strong and true,
know He will guide you in all you do. Go
now in love and show you believe, reach
out to others, so all the world can see. God
will be there, watching from above. Go
now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen**
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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

May 6, 2018
10:30 am



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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.**

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
Pre-Ascension Sunday
May 6, 2018

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us sing to the Lord a new song,

All: for God has done marvellous things.

L: Let us make known the Lord's victory,

L: God's steadfast love covers the whole earth.

L: Let us sing joyous praises,

All: God's holiness inspires worship in all of creation.

OPENING HYMN VU374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

OPENING PRAYER

L: Holy God, The power of your love is beyond comprehension, the breadth of your grace without measure, and the scope of your compassion beyond without end.

P: You have met us in the depths of human living and shown us how to be loved. You have brought joy into our lives and given us the ability to bear fruit.

L: You have entrusted us with the greatest commandment and shown us how to love others. Through your son Jesus Christ, you have given us the gift of being called your friends.

ALL: And following his example we seek to love one another as you have loved us. Yet, we confess that we often

find following your commandment burdensome. Despite our desire to do your will, we too often prioritize ourselves over others. We seek our own security over the wellbeing of others. We choose self-fulfillment over the common good. We justify our self-interest at the expense of neighbours and strangers. Forgive us, when we fail to obey your commandments and help us to always be bearers of your love in the world.

L: Friends, the God of love graciously offers forgiveness to all who ask. Through Christ's sacrifice, we have been made new. Let us experience the peace of God's forgiveness and the joy of new life in Christ.

ALL: Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

VU 289 It Only Takes A Spark (v1)
(Children 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
(Bob Gillman)

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.

(sing verse 1 as the children leave)

INVITATION TO GIVE

L: Today we remember we are brought together through God's grace and Jesus' love. We are the beneficiaries of abundant blessings. In grateful response, we gather our offering.

OFFERTORY HYMN: VU 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Jesus gave all he had, and he continues to give. Let our generosity be a spiritual sacrifice that transforms the world, just as Jesus' giving transformed our lives. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: VU617 I Love You Lord

L: O God, your Son appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, showing that life is stronger than death.

P: We thank you for the signs of resurrection that are all around us. Give us the grace to recognize and embrace the gifts of new life that are around us and open our hearts to your love as we offer our prayers for the world and our lives.

L: We pray for places in the world where there is unrest and war.

P: Bring comfort to those who have lost family, friends, and neighbours to violence. Give strength to aid workers and other people on the frontlines. Instill a desire for peace and a hunger for justice in all of us.

L: We pray for Canada and all people who call this country home.

P: Thank you for the many ways you've blessed this migrant nation. Guide our leaders to make decisions that will benefit those who are in need. Influence our businesses to be equitable in providing opportunities for all without discrimination and prejudice.

L: We pray for The United Church in Canada and the new life that is emerging within. Hear our prayers for this congregation, and for the congregations of Essex Presbytery

P: Guide congregations that are embarking on renewal programs as well those that are discerning fresh ways of connecting with their neighbours. Instill in us a passion for building your Kingdom and the courage to respond efficiently to opportunities.

L: We pray for our families and for the families of this church and community.

P: Help us to make loving actions the marker of our homes and communities. May all who are a part of our neighbourhood know that they valued. Help us to support those who nurture the young and the vulnerable in our midst. Instill in us a desire to love and support one another.

L: Break into the circumstances, places, and lives that we name them now. My prayer is...

L: We thank you that opportunities for love, renewal and innovation abound. Help us to see them and act on them.

ALL: Hear our prayer O Lord and grant us your peace. Amen



Happy Birthday during the Month of MAY:

Enid Bryans
Dayna Cornwall
Barb Garber
Jeanne Hays
John Palmer
Elaine Richardson
Ida Totten
Brook-Lyn Trepanier
Mason Totten
Sofie Waters

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:
Linda & Bruce Parks**



DURING THE MONTH OF MAY



The **DOWNTOWN MISSION** food bank is in need of cereal, especially with summer vacation around the corner.

Let's concentrate on providing any type of cereal during May and June.

However, all donations are warmly appreciated.



The **DOWNTOWN MISSION** 2017 Annual Report is on the bulletin board in Ottawa Hall. It is worth a quick read to see all that **YOU** have done.

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



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MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Wednesday, May 9TH
@ 7:30pm**



Trustees

EMMANUEL TRUSTEES MEETING

**Sunday, May 13TH
East Parlour – After Service**