

and she-roes of the faith that gave up their lives and their freedom.

L: We remember how your everlasting love healed the self-esteem and rebuilt the self-worth of Black peoples who were stripped of their human rights and dignity.

P: P: We remember that you continue to heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds of those who have been wounded, abused and denied because of the shade of their skin even today.

L: How good it is, O God, to remember your steadfast presence.

P: We offer you all of the things that we can no longer carry on our own: our burdens, our worries, and our concerns. We offer to you all of the situations that we feel ill-equipped for...

L: My prayer is ...

L: When we feel downtrodden by our burdens and weary to the point of collapse, when we find ourselves in exile,

ALL: Help us to hear the words of the prophet: "Those who wait for the Lord shall...mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint." Hush, our weary souls, and remind us once more, that you fight with us and you will never leave us nor forsake us in the struggle. Amen.

A Story of Change

CLOSING HYMN: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (James Weldon Johnson)

1. Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our people sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast, by thy might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee, lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: Although the road is long and the journey is hard. Although the mountains are too high and the valleys are too low

ALL: By your grace, give us hope

By your power, give us strength

By your mercy, give us wisdom

So that we may continue to go where you lead us, until all your children are safe from harm. May we go with your light shining in us, as we carry justice and equality into the world to bring about change. Amen.

CHORAL BLESSING (sung together)

God Be With You (Thomas A. Dorsey)

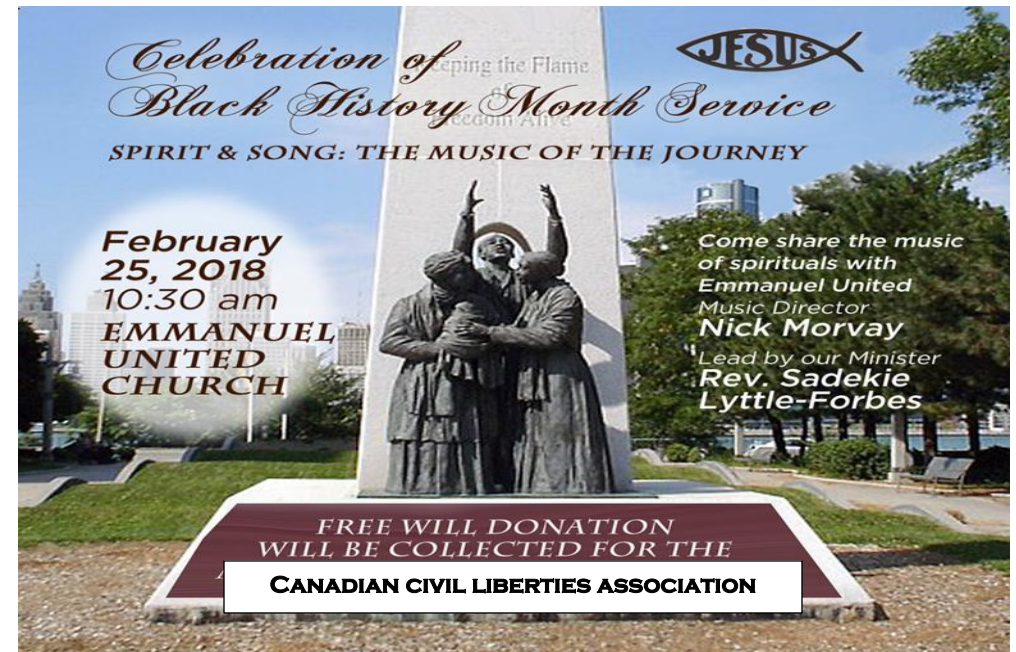
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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

February 25, 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
2nd Sunday of Lent & Black History Month
Celebration
February 25, 2018

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Have you not known the God of the downtrodden: the God of Hagar and Ruth and Paul?

P: Yes, we know this God and surely this God knows us.

L: Have you not heard the gospel of the oppressed: the story of liberation, freedom, and salvation?

P: Yes, we have heard this story and surely this story lives in us.

L: Our ancestors learned to sing with their souls while in a foreign land.

P: Through music, Black people learnt to persevere and trust God, even as their hearts and bodies were broken.

L: The power God, moved through our ancestors, as the rhythm and cadence of music moves through our bodies.

ALL: There would be no Underground Railroad or Civil Rights Movement without a song, and there would be no song without you. Let everything that has breath, praise you!

Opening Hymn: “This Little Light of Mine”
(Harry Dixon Loes)

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine; x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Prayer

ALL: Creator and sustainer of all things, in you we live and move and have our being. You alone have been our help and our guide, you alone are our strength, and you alone will be rest and our welcome. We have short memories so we forget the ways you led your people out of Egypt and through the wilderness and gave them water when they were thirsty. To you we turn as the source of our life, in your depths we find meaning, in your way we find wisdom, in your heights we find light and joy, and in your peace we find hope. AMEN

A Story of Promise ~ Scripture:
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

SPIRIT AND SONG: THE MUSIC OF THE JOURNEY

A Story of Arrival

Sung Response: “Over My Head” (*M V 88*) with soloist

A Story of Faith

Sung Response: "We shall overcome" (*Charles Albert Tindley*)

1. We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday; Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome someday.
2. We shall all be free...

A Story of Patience

ANTHEM: Soon Ah Will Be Done, by William L. Dawson

A Story of Constant Prayer

Sung Response: Every time I feel the Spirit

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
[Refrain]
2. Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track; it runs to heaven and then right back.
[Refrain]

A Story of Resilience

ANTHEM: Ain't Got Time To Die, by Hall Johnson

A Story of Persistence

Sung Response: Wade in the water (*Jimmie Abbingdon*)

Chorus: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water. God's a-going to trouble the water

The Story of Perseverance

ANTHEM: Chariot! arranged by Philip Kern

A Story of Fortitude

Solo: Precious Lord, Take My Hand (VU 670)

1900s Invitation to Give

Sung Response: “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (African-American spiritual; VU 575-vs 1 &2)

OFFERTORY DEDICATION

ALL: Loving God, accept these gifts. Bless them and use them to bring peace to places of unrest, love to places of hate, joy to places of fear, hope to places of loss and equal rights and justice for all. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

The Story of Advocacy

Solo: I Feel Like Pressing My Way (Jamaican Folk Medley)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: “Kum ba yah My Lord”

Kumbayah, my Lord, Kumbayah (x3)
Oh Lord, Kumbahyah

L: How good it is to sing praises of your goodness, God; for you have called us each here, and have marked us with a desire to learn about the gospel.

P: We come with many names: terms of endearment that we cherish and labels that we seek to one day destroy.

L: But you call us by one name, beloved. We remember your healing acts of salvation.

P: We remember how you gathered the dislocated and dispersed Black peoples in Nova Scotia to build communities and relearn cultures that were torn away.

L: We remember the Maroons, who with their hands built a mighty fortress on a hill.

P: We remember Viola Desmond, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Rosa Parks, Lincoln Alexander, Michaëlle Jean, Wilbert Howard, Sir Alexander Bustamante, Paul Bogle, Nanny of the Maroons and other heroes



**EUC COUNCIL
MEETING**
Wednesday, February 28TH
@ 7:00pm.

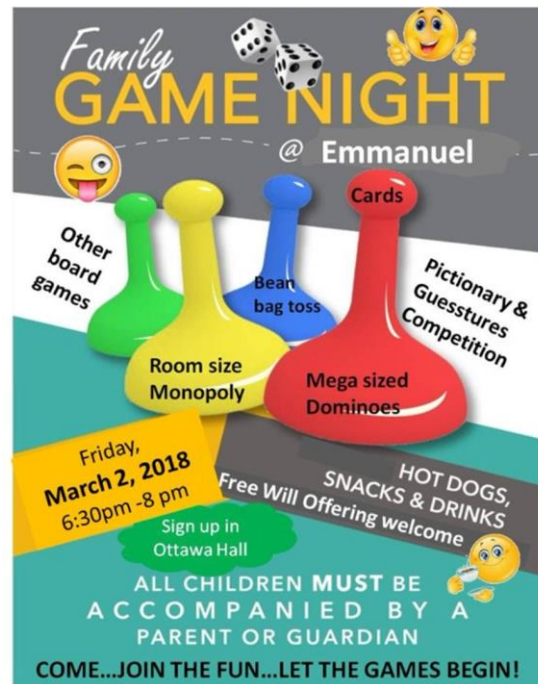


LITURGICAL DANCE

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The next Liturgical Dance practice to prepare for Easter Sunday will be held on
Thursday, March 1ST
From 6:00pm – 7:00pm

There will be a free will donation collected for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. Please use the envelope provided with the bulletin.



**JOIN US FOR
FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

Date: Friday, March 2nd
Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Games are geared towards all ages: young and young at heart!

This is wonderful opportunity for the Emmanuel family to share in fellowship.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**

Hydrangeas will be on sale on **Sunday, March 4, 11 & 18th** for Easter dedication.

Presentation will take place on Palm Sunday.

Cost (TBD)
Approximately \$15.00



Outreach's annual rummage sale is Saturday, April 21st.

Now is the time to spring clean and follow the philosophy of giving away an item for each day of Lent.

The Scouts have again provided our use of the back room in Scout Hall for storage, so please feel free to bring your donations in weekly.

As many of you know, this sale has been a wonderful way to connect and outreach with our neighbours.

See Michele McGregor if you have any questions about items to donate.

Closer to the sale, we will seek volunteers.

Thank you!

