

## WORD

**Preparing to Listen:** VU840 Refrain b  
Thy Word is a Lamp

## SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM:** "When It Rains" by Sally DeFord

**THE MESSAGE: He Has Come to Renew Us**

**CLOSING HYMN:** VU 376 Spirit of the Living God

## COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: Go out and spend yourselves for the sake of the gospel, serving those whom you meet. When you find yourself running out of steam, take Jesus up on His invitation for renewal. And may the grace of God, Creator, redeemer and Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

## CHORAL BLESSING (sung together)

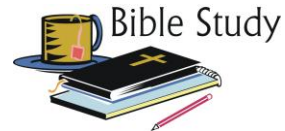
Go now in peace never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen *ccli#262153*

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

"Fear Not:  
Introduction to Revelations"

Dates: Feb 11, 18 &  
March 4, 11, 18

After service in East Parlour  
11:50am-12:50pm  
Bring a bag lunch



The **Ontario Youth Parliament** is meeting on Feb. 17th at Riverside United Church. We are in need of some manpower to serve them dinner. We are also looking for donations of desserts in the way of pies, cakes, cookies, etc. If you could help in any way, please contact Loretta Hackney at 519.980.9744. Thank you.

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# EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**February 4, 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**  
February 4, 2018

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: To wonder,

**P: To remember,**

L: To listen,

**P: To sing,**

L: To pray,

**P: To support**

L: To be supported

**ALL: We come together to worship God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.**

**OPENING HYMN:** VU 608 Dear God,  
Who Loves All Humankind

**PRAYER**

L: Creator God, Source of all life, in you all creatures are connected and all of creation redeemed and made new. Day by day you make yourself known to your people.

**P: In the beauty of the heavens we see your glory. In the bounty of the earth we know your generosity. In the renewal of our bodies we experience your energy. Delighting in what we have seen, known, and heard, we worship you, one God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit.**

L: Holy God, along with our praise, we offer you our confession.

**ALL: At times we forget what we once knew. Consumed by worry, we forget to trust you. Although we know you love us and made us for a purpose, we lose sight of that purpose. We settle for less than we could be, and for less than you call us to become. At times discouragement seeps into our hearts and we do not serve you with vitality, resist evil, or speak out against injustice. Forgive our sins. Remind us of what we once knew and felt. Help us hear your words afresh. Renew our energy. Raise us up on wings of faith. May we walk by your light and not grow weary. May we run and not faint. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

L: God gathers the outcasts, heals the broken-hearted, and lifts up the down trodden.

**ALL: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.**

**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.

VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom (v1)

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**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 236

Now Thank We All Our God

**ALL: In Christ's service, we offer these gifts and ourselves to your work, through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** VU

#617 I Love You, God, Who Heard My Cry

L: Holy and loving God, we thank you for the story of Christ's life among us, a pattern for our own living.

**P: We give you thanks for moments of quiet and contemplation that restore us, and allow us to perceive your hand at work in the world and in our lives.**

L: Teach us to trust so that we can live with confidence, even in the midst of stress and anxiety. Meet us in that inner place of deep stillness.

**P: In the quiet of this moment we hand over to you all those things which trouble us today:**

L: Anything that has been distracting or hurtful...

**P: Renew our focus**

L: The hopes and dreams for our lives and for the lives of those we love... [Silence]

**P: Renew the drive to pursue our dreams**

L: We place in your care those known to us who need your presence...

**P: Renew our capacity for compassion**

L: We pray for wisdom for the leaders of our world and those who manage the world economy

**P: Renew their commitment to the people who elected them and give them creative ways to distribute wealth**

L: We pray that peace and prosperity take root and grow in places troubled by war, famine, and disaster...

**P: Renew our resources and skills to manage conflict**

L: We pray that the dignity of each creature be held in reverence and the earth itself be treasured

**P: Renew our commitment to protecting the environment and being responsible consumers**

L: We pray for the people and congregations across this nation.

**P: Renew how they see and experience your blessing and your peace as they discover new ways of living into your promise.**

L: We bring you our thanks and worries expressed and unexpressed; with silent hearts we ask you to relieve us of them or help us cope... My prayer is..

**ALL: May your Spirit continue to guide us, giving us the freedom to love as Christ loved us, and to embrace the world with Christ's compassion. Amen**



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Michele McGregor, Team Captain

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Tracey Routliffe  
Ann Rush  
Bob Slater  
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