

CLOSING HYMN: VU589 Lord Speak to Me

BENEDICTION

L: May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May He make His face shine upon you and
be gracious to you.

**P: May our eyes be open to all the
blessings which surround us; may this
awareness produce a harvest of
generosity in our spirits**

L: May your prayers reflect gratitude, while
also acknowledging the needs of others
whose situations are so drastically different.

**ALL: May thoughts of Jesus fill our
minds, and love for Lord guide us to be
wise in our speech and our actions.**

AMEN

CHORAL BLESSING *Go Now in Peace*
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Liturgy and prayers adapted from the
Gathering, Pentecost 1(2017) &
Presbyterian.ca.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
(brief meeting
following service today)

The purpose of the meeting is to
consider a motion to "call"
Rev. Sadekie, since she has been
admitted to the United Church of
Canada.



PIE MAKERS NEEDED

Come and join us for some fellowship,
pizza and making pies on **Friday,**
October 27TH @ 6:00pm. There will be
a small fee for the pizza. Please sign-up
in Ottawa Hall.



There will be a Liturgical Dance Practice
on **Thursday, October 19th**
from 6:00pm-7:00pm.



Completing the New Testament:
Week of October 15, 2017
1 John 1-3

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

October 15, 2017
10:30 am



The tongue that
brings healing is a
tree of life, but a
deceitful tongue
crushes the spirit.
Proverbs 15:4

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.**

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
October 15, 2017

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From city and suburb

All: together in worship

One: from workplace, school and home

All: together in worship

One: From family and friendship circle;

All: together in worship, to pray, to praise and to receive the Word.

Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN: VU264 Immortal
Invisible God Only Wise

OPENING PRAYER

L: God of steadfast love, in your generosity you provide us with pathways to follow and decrees to guide our steps;

P: In your compassion you teach us how to live righteously and display mercy at all times;

L: In your kindness you show us how to live joyful lives marked by abundance and peace. Happy are those who follow your ways.

P: We are thankful that you continue to teach us and guide us, even when we turn away from the abundance of your unwavering love.

L: Like the Israelites in Egypt, who did not remember your wonderful works, we too are guilty of forgetting all that you have done for us.

ALL: We confess that we too often forget the great things you have done for us. Instead of thanking you for the

many gifts you have given us, we act like we have earned them through our own powers. We rebel against you by complaining about what we do not have and attempting to shape our own lives through money, power, success and influence. Forgive us for putting the things of this world above you and for not trusting in your plan for our lives and our communities. Help us to rejoice in and bear witness to all you have done and seek your will in all we do. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:

VU365 Jesus Loves Me

(Children will come forward)

(Children will leave for Sunday School)

INVITATION TO GIVE

L: As disciples of Christ, we are called to serve any way we are able. One opportunity is to give whatever we can for the work and witness of this community of Christ. Your offering will now be received.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: God of Peace, we are confronted with so many overwhelming needs in our world. Walk with us as we set aside our own desires and wants and join the call to alleviate human suffering. Transform these financial gifts into genuine acts of concern and ministry to others. In the name of the One who teaches us how to give completely, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WORD

Preparing to Listen: Ancient Words
(v1, Refrain)

SCRIPTURES

OT: Proverbs 15:1-5

Epistle: James 3:1-5, 9-10, 13-18

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

ALL: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: “Building On A Rock” by
Linda Spevacek-Avery

THE MESSAGE: “Religion that God
Accepts is this... Wisdom Beyond Words”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Lord

Listen to your children praying

L: All Loving God, you invite us to bring everything to you in prayer. Trusting in your promise to respond with a peace that passes all understanding, we turn to you with our prayers for the world. We remember your promise of peace, O Lord, and ask that you heal the brokenness of our nation and the world.

P: Inspire our leaders to be peacemakers, seeking justice and reconciliation in all they do. Empower and strengthen those working in their daily lives to mend the divisions that cause strife between peoples. Help each one of us to become workers for peace, standing in solidarity with the marginalized and oppressed and seeking out opportunities to connect with those who are different from us.

L: We remember your promise of refuge, O Lord, and ask that you heal the

brokenness in our families and communities.

P: Inspire each one of us to love our neighbours as ourselves, celebrating the beauty and gifts of all people. Empower and strengthen those working in their daily lives to support families and communities, especially those who do so in your name. Help each one of us to develop and maintain healthy and strong relationships with those around us, creating safe places of refuge and support in our homes, churches and neighbourhoods.

L: We remember your promise of joy, O Lord, and ask that you heal the brokenness in our personal lives.

P: Inspire us to seek out and follow your plan for our lives, celebrating all that you have done for us along the way. Empower and strengthen our relationships with you and our Christian brothers and sisters; let these relationships lead to joy and healing.

L: Today, we pray especially for these persons... My prayer is...

L: Help each of us to remember to turn to you for all that we need, trusting that your generous provisions will not only sustain us through difficult times but also lead us to a place of peace.

ALL: And may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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This building is across the street from the library; parking lot access is off Victoria Ave and parking in the vacant lot just north of the building is permitted.

After the tour, I plan to have lunch at the **Do Good Deli**. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

Michele McGregor



SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

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