

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, and love for Lord guide us to
live active in our faith and impartial in
our actions. AMEN**

CHORAL BLESSING *May the Love*
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Liturgy and prayers adapted from the
Gathering, Pentecost 1(2017) &
Presbyterian.ca.



**Completing the New Testament:
Week of October 8, 2017
2 Peter 1-3**

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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.



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**
Wednesday, October 11th
@ 7:30pm.



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



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, October 15th
(brief meeting following service)

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.

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**October 8, 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.**

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
October 8, 2017

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for all things.

People: Your love endures forever.

OPENING PRAISE

- We bring the sacrifice of praise
- What a mighty God we serve
- Behold what manner of love
- Give thanks with a grateful heart

OPENING PRAYER

L: We gather in the light and beauty of your creation to worship and adore you for your glory is endless, your power incomparable, your love is wider than all the universe, and your mercy greater than the heights of heaven. With our lips we praise you, and with our lives we offer our worship and our adoration, for you are creator and governor of all things. In confidence and honesty, let us confess our sins to God and to one another:

ALL: Generous and loving God, we honestly confess that in a world where many do not have enough, we have taken more than we need. In a world where many live in fear, we take peace for granted. In a world where many have lost hope, we are too often indifferent to despair.

Forgive us, merciful God, and transform our lives. Have mercy upon us. Heal us, forgive us, and set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: MV 2

Come All You People

(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 236 Now

Thank We All Our God (1, 3)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Lord, receive these gifts offered in a spirit of generosity and humility, multiply them and use them for the work that we do in the world in Jesus name. Amen.

WORD

Preparing to Listen: VU840b Thy Word is a Lamp

SCRIPTURES

Epistle: James 2: 1-9, 14-19, 24-26

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

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

ALL: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: "For the beauty of the Earth"
By John Rutter"

THE MESSAGE: "Religion that God

Accepts is this ... Impartial & Active Faith"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU 374 –
Come and Find a Quiet Centre (1, 3)

L: Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for all things. For the world; for things great and small, beautiful and surprising; for things seen and unseen, understood and mysterious;

P: We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people know and experience these blessings.

Leader: For the wonder of earth and sea and sky; for the beauty of nature and wildlife; for the rhythm of the days and season;

P: We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people know and experience these blessings.

Leader: For waters that refresh and bring about life; for the earth that is fertile and rich; for those who tend and care for harvests and nature.

P: We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people know and experience these blessings.

Leader: For days and the strength to work; for the gifts and talents you have given us; for challenges met; and for moments of leisure and rest;

P: We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people know and experience these blessings.

Leader: For human life; for talking and thinking together; for burdens and joys shared; for relationships that give life meaning;

P: We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people know and experience these blessings.

Leader: For our circle of family and friends; for children and their curiosity and joy; for the insight that comes with the passage of time; and for memories and events that we cherish;

P: We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people know and experience these blessings.

Leader: For your care and grace in times of anxiety, doubt and grief; for healing in times of illness, confusion, and distress; for rejuvenating strength and vision in times of renewal;

P: We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people know and experience these blessings.

Leader: For the knowledge that you hear each prayer and know each need; that you love and care for each soul and body; and that you walk with us in all our days and season;

P: We give you thanks, O God, and ask that all people know and experience these blessings.

L: Hear the concerns we name in this moment . . . My prayer is..

L: Eternal God, keep us always in communion with you, and with your people from every time and place.

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

CLOSING HYMN: MV 26 Your Love is Amazing