



THANK YOU

It has been a little over one year since my diagnosis of cancer. I want to thank the congregation of Emmanuel for their words of comfort and support, for notes and cards, for emails and texts. It has been truly amazing the support from my church family. Although my journey continues, I am very grateful for the support already received and in particular I thank Julie Smith, Enid Bryans, and Rev. Sadekie for their sharing of knowledge and time on my behalf.

Thank you,
Ted Alexander



**Completing the New Testament:
Week of September 10, 2017
James 1-3**

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There will be a Christian Education Committee meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 20th** @ 7:30pm



SOUND SYSTEM
(Training & Refresher)
SUNDAY, SEPT. 17TH
@ 10:00am in the Sanctuary



KING OF THE KITCHEN
Sunday, September 24th
Sharing the proceeds with DTM Meals program within the church.



DOWNTOWN MISSION
Sunday, September 24th
Guest Speaker: Ron Dunn,
Exec. Administrator of DTM



OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday – Thursday
1:30pm – 4:00pm

Friday 1:30pm - 6:00pm

Office Administrator: Melissa Yau

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**September 10, 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
September 10, 2017

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing to the Lord a new song.

P: We will worship our Maker!

L: Let us praise God with song and dance.

P: For God is gracious and in God's loving kindness we were brought here!

OPENING PRAISE

Hail Jesus You're my King – Victory Chant
MV26 Your Love is Amazing (Hallelujah)
MV18 Lord Prepare me

OPENING PRAYER

L: Holy One, God of grace and glory, your creative power is beyond imagining. Your love and mercy is greater than the heights of heaven, your wisdom deeper than the sea. We worship you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit. In confidence and honesty, let us confess our sins to God and to one another:

ALL: Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided within and against ourselves. We cling to the values and patterns of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue sometimes harms creation and the lives of others. The fears, jealousies and arrogance we harbor, set neighbour against neighbour, and nation against nation. The freedom and abundance we enjoy is held by only a few when it is the birthright of all. 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: VU 249

Rejoice in the Lord Always

(Children will come forward)

Blessing for the School and Sunday School Year

(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: 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: VU662 Lead Me God

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 3:1- 4:17

Romans 8:28-33

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

ALL: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

by Jay Althouse

THE MESSAGE: "God Calls: A Job with Your Name on It"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Hymn

VU 400 – Lord Listen to Your Children

Praying

L: Creator of heaven and earth, lover of each soul, we are filled with gratitude for all the blessings of this life. For making us in your image to love and care for one another,

P: We give you thanks

L: For the gift of Christ, who redeems and guides us, and who gives us a pattern for living,

P: We praise you.

L: Hear us now as we pray for situations where your love and grace are sorely needed. We pray for the church in this place and around the world . . .

P: This beautiful planet, the fragile home we share with all living things and for grace as we experience the effects of climate change through natural disasters.

L: Those who rule in this city/town/area and the nations of the world.

P: Help them to use the resources they have been given to responsibly and proactively, in the interest of people they have pledged to serve.

L: Those who serve as teachers, healers and caregivers . . .

P: We praise for patience, kindness and strength as they do their duties

L: The homeless, the hungry, the vulnerable

P: Provide, protect and help them to heal

L: Those who mourn and those who are alone

P: May they find comfort in the knowledge of you and experience your presence at this time

L: For those who are powerless and oppressed, either by destructive relationships or unjust political systems...

P: May a revolution arise in their hearts that give them the courage to resist and retake their freedom

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

L: Eternal God, we thank you for those who have gone ahead of us and who showed us some measure of your eternal love. 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: VU509 I the Lord of

Sea and Sky

BENEDICTION

L: Go and invite others into Jesus' embrace and to experience His love among us.

P: We go into the world to live as disciples of Love

L: Go and invite others into the healing power of God's grace

P: We go into the world to tell others how God has helped us to live more fully

L: Go and invite others into the Spirit's powerful vision

P: We go into the world to share Christ's perspective on life and living

L: Go and let someone know that in the Kingdom, there is a job their name on it.

ALL: This we know and this we will share. AMEN

CHORAL BLESSING *May the Love ccli#262153*

Liturgy and prayers adapted from the Gathering, Pentecost 1(2017) & Presbyterian.ca.