

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

L: Go and let someone know that if they are caught between a rock and a hard place, God can deliver them, if they only trust.

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

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



**Completing the New Testament:
Week of September 17, 2017
James 4-5**

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OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday – Thursday
1:30pm – 4:00pm**

**Friday 1:30pm - 6:00pm
Office Administrator: Melissa Yau**



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



KING OF THE KITCHEN

Sunday, September 24th
Sharing the proceeds
with DTM Meals
program within the
church.

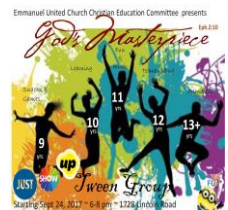


DOWNTOWN MISSION
Sunday, September 24th
Guest Speaker:
Ron Dunn,
Exec. Administrator of DTM



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Last chance to have
your photo taken for the pictorial
directory! The photographer will be here
on **Tuesday, Sept. 26th & Wednesday,
Sept. 27th**. There are still a couple spots
open. Please contact the office.



TWEEN GROUP
called "Masterpiece"
Ages 9 years +
Starts September 24th
@ 6pm in Banquet Hall

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**September 17, 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 17, 2017

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Praise the Lord.

P: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

L: God is kind and loving.

ALL: Always forgiving and gracious to all.

OPENING HYMN VU245 Praise the Lord With the sound of trumpet

OPENING PRAYER

L: Holy, wonderful, and loving One, God of power and might, your presence and love fill the universe. The heavens and the earth are full of your glory. You take and you give, transforming one thing into another. You take darkness and give light. You take grief and give healing. You take strife and give peace. You take fatigue and give strength. You take fear and give courage. You take captivity and give liberation. You take death and give new life. In humility and faith let us confess our sins to God and before one another

ALL: O God, we confess that our lives do not always reflect your transforming power. You are gracious, but we cling to judgment. You are kind, but we can be cruel. You are forgiving, but we nurse grudges and old wounds. You are filled with joy, but we are caught in bitterness, dissatisfaction, and

complaints. You are patient, but we grow weary even in doing good. Continue in us your work of transformation, and make us new. 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:

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: VU226 For the Beauty of the Earth (V 1, 4)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

WORD

Preparing to Listen: Thy Word is a Lamp

SCRIPTURES

OT: Exodus 15-16, 20, 32-34

NT: 2 Corinthians 4:8-18

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

ALL: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: "Everlasting Love" by: Joseph Martin

THE MESSAGE: "God Delivers: Caught between a rock and a hard place"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU617

I Love You, God, Who Heard My Cry

L: God of light; we pray for those who live in darkness; those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit; those bent under burdens of sorrow; those who cannot see the way ahead.

P: We pray for those who companion others in dark places; those who comfort the grieving, and work for healing. May they all find their darkness transformed by your presence.

L: God of liberation; we pray for those who suffer abuse, violence, or injustice, at the hands of strangers or systems, or betrayed by those entrusted with their care.

P: Stir in all people a deep respect for life. Encourage those who struggle for freedom and rescue. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

L: God of peace; we pray for those who work for peace in the world, for leaders, for decision makers, for those who hold power, for those who make, interpret, and enforce laws. Lord in your mercy,

P: Hear our Prayer

L: God of wisdom, we pray for those who misunderstand the words and actions of others, and for those who are misunderstood.

P: We pray for those who teach, and

those who learn, especially those who struggle and are afraid to ask for help.

L: God of forgiveness; we pray for those we have hurt or offended and for those to whom we have been unkind.

P: We pray for those who have hurt us, or been careless with our feelings. Work in our lives to redeem broken relationships. Shape us into gracious and forgiving people.

L: Now in silence we name before you the concerns for situations and people close to us...

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: VU 651 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

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