

Immanuel United Church  
Communion Service  
November 13, 2022

#### Acknowledgement of The Land and Treaties

Today, we acknowledge the land that we are gathered on *is Treaty 1 territory ... the traditional lands of the Anishnaabe Swampy Cree and Ojibway people, homeland and heart of the Metis Nation*, who for thousands of years, walked gently on this land with deeply rooted gifts of spirituality, culture and ways of knowing.

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and give thanks for the stewardship of this land – in times past and also in the present day.

Today we are called to seek a new relationship as Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, creating one based on friendship, built on respect, and one that produces peace, remembering that we are **all** treaty people.

***As we enter this time of worship,  
We light the Rainbow Candle, symbolizing that we are an inclusive and affirming community, and all belong here.***

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OPENING STATEMENT AND PRAYER**

Let Us Pray:

Creator, as we enter a darkening world, lighten our spirits so we might be the source of light and hope, wherever we are, wherever we go.

AMEN

Hymn: VU# 686 God of Grace and God of Glory

#### **Moment to Ponder:**

Hymn: VU# 713 I See A New Heaven

Scripture Readings:

**Isaiah 65:17-19**

**Luke 21:5-19**

The Choir Anthem: Praise to the Lord

Reflection:

Hymn: 598 When Pain of the World

**OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER**

Look around, the creation offers its bounty. Look around, the people of God are blessed with ideas, and ingenuity, and persistence. Look around, the bounty and the blessing are there to be shared for the good of all. Let us present our offerings.

**SONG: MV # 182 Grateful (Chorus)**

**Prayer:**

**Holy One, we offer the work of our hands, the love of our hearts, the abundance of creation to be shared and spent in the renewing of your world. Bless these gifts and all our lives given in your service. AMEN.**

**Sacrament of Communion**

*Song: VU#477 I Come With Joy (vs. 1-3)*

Invitation: (Paul)

Greeting:

God be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to God**

Let us give thanks to God

**It is right to give God Thanks and Praise**

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Creator God, we give you thanks and Praise that you draw us into your Presence and feed us at this your table of blessing.

Thanks That you gather us as a community of family and friends, You lead us into places where we are met by the spirit, that you call from us the faith and the courage to be your presence in this beautiful and challenging world. You surround us with companions who strengthen and guide us, and you promise to be with us through the pain and delight of this life.

### Prayers of Intercession

Creator, we pray for the world,  
we remember the victims of war, in Ukraine, in Tigray,  
We think of those who stand up against oppression, in Iran, and in Russia.  
We hold those who are hungry, in Pakistan and in North Africa and in our own community.

We pray for the participants at the world climate conference, politicians, scientists, educators and activists.

We pray for those we know, the sick and the alone, those who struggle with housing and income, those who need a friend.

may we hold all in the awareness

That they share your blessing and your grace.

### Words of Institution

We are reminded in scripture, that on the night Jesus was betrayed, he sat down for supper with his friends. He took the bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them and said, "this is my body given for you whenever you eat it remember me."

After supper he took the cup and passed it to them and said, "this is my blood, a sacrifice poured out for you. As often as you do this, think of me."

### Prayer for the Holy Spirit

We pray you, God of love, send your Holy Spirit on us and what we do here That these gifts, touched by your blessing, might nourish us and encourage us on our journey together.

These prayers we pray in Jesus name, who taught us to pray these words:  
Lord's Prayer (sung)

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever.  
AMEN**

The Breaking and the Pouring  
The Sharing:

May this bread nourish and sustain us on our journey

**AMEN**

May this cup bless and refresh us as we go

**AMEN**

Prayer After Communion:

**Holy God, may the food of life, the friendship of this community,  
and the presence of your spirit, strengthen us to share  
compassion, gratitude, joy, and hope, wherever we go.  
AMEN.**

Song : Hymn VU# 477 (vs. 4-5)

Blessing

Amen (VU 974)

A-a-men, A-a-men, Hallelujah, A-a-men.