



Lent 5

# Welcome Home

**Sunday, March 9, 2008**

**Worship & Celebration**

7:00pm

**Social Hour**

following worship

We are so pleased that you're able to join us today in worship and celebration at MCC Toronto. We are a joyful, spiritual community of people committed to being an inclusive, affirmative, caring church.

If today is your first time visiting us, or if you'd like to update your contact information in our database, please complete one of the Welcome Cards located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate as it goes by.

At the ❖ symbol, you are asked to rise in body or spirit.

Phonic Ears for hearing assistance are available from the technical ministry volunteers in the sound booth.

We ask that you kindly turn your cell phone off during service.

**Our vision is to be a bridge.  
Whoever you are, wherever you  
are from, you are welcome!**

Even if today is your first time here, you are invited to participate fully in every part of the service as much or as little as you like. Here is a guide to our worship:

**We are a house of prayer for all people.**

We affirm many paths to God. For non-Christ-centred Anointing or Communion blessings, please approach the anointer or server with your arms crossed over your chest.

**Prayers of the People** are when you are invited to name people or circumstances as prayer requests out loud, at the appropriate times, as you feel comfortable.

**Lessons for Life** are meant to inspire you in your spiritual journey and to challenge you to find ways to put your faith into action. CDs of the Lessons for Life are available at The Information Centre in the Social Hall and transcripts are available at [www.MCCToronto.com](http://www.MCCToronto.com)

During the Time for **Reconciliation and Healing** you're invited to come forward alone or with a friend to receive an anointing for healing. Anointer will anoint your forehead with oil and offer you a brief blessing. We all share God's love and celebrate God's unconditional gift of peace and freedom.

**Building Bridges** is possible because of the abundant giving of people just like you. Gathering our gifts, we celebrate the difference God makes in people's lives through our life as community.

You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to participate in Communion. If today is your first time in church, you are especially welcome to share in Communion. When you come forward, a server will dip the water in the juice, place it in your mouth and offer you a brief blessing like: "Rejoice that God is love and this love is with you always." We serve only non-alcoholic wine and the waters are 100% wheat. We celebrate a variety of understandings about Communion and so we believe the bread and juice are transformed in community to be spiritual nourishment for all people.

**Our Volunteers** make it all possible! At times in our service, you may notice a number of people moving into position to serve. We extend a special thank you to all who make our celebrations possible through their gifts of time and talent today and every time we gather.

**The Touch of the Holy:** that's what our weekly celebrations are all about. We pray that God's presence will remain with you to bring you peace and you.

*We Gather with Music*

❖ *Worship & Praise*

I Came to Praise

Alleluiah, Praise to God

Awesome God

Set on Freedom

*Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation*

*One Minute Celebrations*

*Hand of Friendship*

*Worship & Praise* (all are invited to sing)

Breathe

*Lessons for Life*

Internal Challenges

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

*Prayer Song* (all are invited to sing)

Draw Me Close to You

*Prayer*

❖ *Jesus' Prayer*

*Special Music*

*Building Bridges*

*Gathering Our Gifts*

Our Journey of Faith

*We Celebrate Connection & Transformation*

Communion, Anointing for Healing, and Personal Interscessory Prayer are offered at this time.

Please join in singing:

Come Just As You Are

Let Us Break Bread Together

Holy Ground Medley

Surely the Presence

More Love, More Power (Communion Finale)

*Blessing*

*Closing Words*

❖ *Closing Song*

I Can See Clearly Now

*Please join us in the Social Hall*

Following our service, please join us for refreshments, find out about events at

the Information Centre, and more!

*We care, and we're here to listen*

If you would like to pray with someone following this evening's service please approach a *prayer partner* who will be in the chapel.

*We're with you in prayer*

You can send in a prayer request in any one of four ways:

1. Through the **prayer book** in the Chapel,

2. Call (416) 406-6228 x 171,

3. Send an e-mail to: [care@mccutoronto.com](mailto:care@mccutoronto.com), or

4. Through the link on the front page of our website at:

[www.mccutoronto.com](http://www.mccutoronto.com)