

**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. An 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.

**We celebrate an open Communion.** 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 joy.

# Welcome Home

**Sunday, November 23, 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, you like what is happening

here and want to get involved, please fill in the orange welcome

card found in the pew pocket and meet with a H.O.M.E. Team

volunteer after service on the north side of the sanctuary.

They will share MCC Toronto information with you.

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

Phonic Cars 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.



PENTECOST 28

*We Gather with Music*

*Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation*

One Minute Celebrations  
Hand of Friendship

❖ *Worship & Praise*

I Came to Praise

Soon and Very Soon

More Love, More Power

*Prayer of Invocation*

Everyday

*Lessons for Life*

God is a Many Gendered Thing

Rev. BK Hipsher

*Sermon Song*

Draw Me Close to You

*Building Bridges*

*Gathering Our Gifts*

Our Journey of Faith

*Intercessory Prayer*

❖ *Jesus' Prayer*

*We Celebrate Connection & Transformation*

Communion (in front of the altar), Anointing for Healing (against the north west wall), and Personal Intercessory Prayer (in the chapel) are offered simultaneously at this time.

Please come for any or all as you are moved to and please join in singing:

Come Just As You are

Again and Again

Bright Side

Holy Ground Medley

*Blessing*

*Closing Words*

❖ *Closing Song*

Trading My Sorrow

*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'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 114,
3. Send an e-mail to: **care@mctoronto.com**, or
4. Through the link on the front page of our website at:

**www.mctoronto.com**