

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



EASTER 6: 7:00pm

Welcome on May 17, 2009

**Social time with coffee and refreshments follow
our Worship Service in the Social Hall**

We are a house of prayer for all people and are pleased that you're able to join us in worship and celebration at MCC Toronto. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, you are welcome! Even if this 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.

**We are a joyful, spiritual community of people committed to being an inclusive, affirmative, caring church.
Our vision is to be a bridge.**

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

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

We Gather with Music

Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation

One Minute Celebrations

Hand of Friendship

Opening Songs ❖

Sunrise, Sunset

Sunrise,

I'm gonna praise your name.

Sunset,

I'm gonna praise your name.

Praise God!

I Came to Praise

I don't know what you came here for,

But I came to praise my God. *(repeat)*

Clap your hands, lift your voice,

Help me make a joyful noise.

Lift God high in this place.

Make this house a house of praise.

Like the Sunshine

Like the sunshine after rainfall like the gentle breeze,

Like the stillness of the morning like the radiant trees:

These things I knew before,

But never have they spoken such life to me,

Oh the wonder of a maker whose heart delights in me.

The heavens declare your magnificence,
The earth resounds with your love;
Be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.

Like the nurture of a baby at its mother's breast,
Like the closeness of a lover, like two souls at rest;
These things I knew before,
But never have they spoken such peace to me,
Oh the wonder of a maker whose heart delights in me.

The heavens declare your magnificence,
the earth resounds with your love;
be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.

Like the vastness of a desert, like the ocean's roar
Like the greatness of the mountains where the eagles soar,
These things I knew before,
But never have they spoken such power to me,
Oh the wonder of a maker whose heart delights in me.

The heavens declare your magnificence,
The earth resounds with your love;
Be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.
The heavens declare your magnificence,
The earth resounds with your love;
Be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.

To rest in you
To rest in you
To rest in you

Opening Prayer

Set On Freedom

Well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom
Woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom
Well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

Well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on singing
Woke up this mornin' with my mind set on singing
Well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on singing
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

Walk, walk, you gotta walk, walk.
you gotta walk, with your mind on freedom
Talk, talk, you gotta talk, talk.
you gotta talk, with your mind on freedom
Walk, walk, you gotta walk, walk.
you gotta walk, with your mind on freedom...Ohh

Oh, well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom
Woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom
Well, I woke up this mornin' with my mind set on freedom
hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah
hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah
hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

Lessons For Life

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes

In many traditions these are called sermons. 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 in the Social Hall and audio files are available at www.MCCToronto.com.

Special Music

Morning Glow

Building Bridges

Gathering Our Gifts

As we gather our gifts, we celebrate the difference God makes in people's lives through our life as community.

It is only with your generosity that MCC Toronto continues to be a thriving spiritual home. Gifts can be made via credit card, cheque or automatic withdrawal. Other options include publicly traded securities, such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds. MCC Toronto is a registered charity, so we are able to issue tax receipts for the gifts we receive.

For more information, please visit www.cra.gc.ca/donors, and see your financial advisor to help you make the decision that is right for you.

Our Journey of Faith

Many: Take a look around you, what do you see?
A world in need of comfort and peace.
We have a vision, we have a way.
Come walk beside us on our journey of faith.
Build a bridge of hope.
Make a path of understanding.
Plant a seed of truth.
Watch it grow. Help it grow.
We're building bridges together
On our journey of faith.

Blessing Our Gifts

One: God, we offer these gifts out of our abundance to your work in this community. Your love frees us to be generous with each other and inspires us to action as we build bridges in this place and from this place to a world hungry for hope, for justice, and for peace. And so we commission these gifts to your service in the world.

Many: **We're building bridges together on our journey of faith.**

Special Music Every New Life

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.

We celebrate an open Communion. When you come forward, a volunteer will dip the wafer in the juice, place it in your mouth and offer you a brief blessing. We serve only non-alcoholic wine and the wafers 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. As another way of respecting our Bedrock Belief that there are many paths to God, if you would like a non-Christ centered blessing, simply approach the volunteer with your arms crossed over your chest.

Anointing for Healing *A volunteer will place oil on your forehead and offer a simple blessing such as “Be anointed for healing and to be a healer in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Friend and the Holy Spirit.”*

Intercessory Prayer *A Prayer Partner volunteer will pray with you after you share a brief description of your concern/celebration.*

Self-Administered Communion Stations *A table is set-up at the back of the Sanctuary. Instructions are on the table.*

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

Come Just As You Are

Come just as you are, hear the spirit call.

Come just as you are.

Come and see, come receive.

Come and live forever.

Love everlasting, and strength for today;
Taste the living water, and never thirst again.

Come just as you are, hear the spirit call.

Come just as you are.

Come and live abundantly.

Come and live forevermore.

Again and Again

Again and again you blessed me,

Again and again you kept me,

Again and again you brought me all the way.

You've been better to me

than I've been to myself,

Better to me than anyone else.

Again and again you brought me all the way.

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Blessing, Honour and Glory

Blessing, honour, glory to you, God.
Holy, righteous, worthy are you God.

Nothing can hold us down
For you bring freedom
Showing us all your love
We come to you, O God.

Blessing, honour, glory to you, God.
Holy, righteous, worthy are you God.

Nothing can hold us down
For you bring freedom
Showing us all your love
We come to you, O God.

Blessing, honour, glory to you, God.
Holy, righteous, worthy are you, O God.

Blessing

Closing Words

Closing Song ❖

I Can See Clearly Now

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me down

It's gonna be a bright, bright
Sun-Shiny day.

It's gonna be a bright, bright
Sun-Shiny day.

Oh yes I can make it now, the pain is gone
All of the bad feelings have disappeared
Here is the rainbow I've been prayin' for

It's gonna be a bright, bright
Sun-Shiny day.

It's gonna be a bright, bright
Sun-Shiny day.

Look all around, there's nothin' but blue skies
Look straight ahead, nothin' but blue skies

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,
I can see all obstacles in my way
Here is the rainbow I've been praying for

It's gonna be a bright, bright
Sun-Shiny day.

It's gonna be a bright, bright
Sun-Shiny day.

If our evening service doesn't suit you, come and try either our 9:00am or 11:00am services.

Please join us in the Social Hall

Following our service, please join us for refreshments and to meet others. Also find out about events at the Information Centre, and more!

If you have any questions about this service, ask a Deacon.

We care, and we're here to listen

If you would like to pray with someone following today's service please approach the deacon who will be at the front of the sanctuary near the Communion table on the main floor.

We're with you in prayer

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

1. Through the **prayer book** located in the Chapel,
2. Call **(416) 406-6228 x 114**,
3. Send an e-mail to: **care@mcctoronto.com**, or
4. Through the link on the front page of our website at:
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