

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



PRIDE 1: 7:00pm

Welcome on June 7, 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 ❖

More Love, More Power

More love, more power, more of you in my life. *(repeat)*

And I will worship you with all of my heart.

And I will worship you with all of my mind.

And I will worship you with all of my strength,

For you are my God. You are my God.

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God

Who lives in heaven and earth

With wisdom, power and love,

our God is an awesome God.

Your Love is Amazing

Your love is amazing

Steady and unchanging

Your love is a mountain

Firm beneath my feet

Your love is a mystery

How you gently lift me

When I am surrounded

Your love carries me

(chorus)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising
I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing
Deep inside of me

Every time I greet you
All your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song
rising up in me ***(chorus 2 x)***

Opening Prayer

Allelujah, Praise to God

Alleluia, praise to God
Alleluia, praise to God
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God
Alleluia, praise to God ***(repeat)***

Songs of joy sing out to God
Songs of joy sing out to God
Dancing and singing, we praise you, Oh God
Songs of joy sing out to God

Alleluia, praise to God
Alleluia, praise to God
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God
Alleluia, praise to God

Beat the drums, sing out to God
Beat the drums, sing out to God
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God
Beat the drums, sing out to God

Alleluia, praise to God
Alleluia, praise to God
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God
Alleluia, praise to God

Alleluia, praise to God
Alleluia, praise to God
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God
Alleluia, praise to God *(repeat last line)*

Lessons For Life

Pride I: The Reclamation Project - Reclaiming Ourselves

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

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

You've Got a Friend

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.

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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

We Really Do Need Each Other

Community 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.

Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises

Hallelujah, we sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness (2x)

Christ our guide, to us, said I am water, I am bread
I am water, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.

Hallelujah, we sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness (2x)

Now God sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt
strong in faith, free of doubt, to proclaim the joyful gospel.

Hallelujah, we sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness (4x)

I Will Pledge This Song to You

You are holy, you are holy, and my life is in your hands
You are worthy, you are worthy, take my life and all I am

Ev'ry dream I've known, ev'ry heartache, too,
They have all been shared with you
All the times I've failed been untrue to you
I have known your mercy, too.

You are holy, you are holy, and my life is in your hands
You are worthy, you are worthy, take my life and all I am

Now the way shines clear and your presence here
Gives me strength to carry through
God, you are my way
And so ev'ry day I will pledge this song to you

You are holy, you are holy, and my life is in your hands
You are worthy, you are worthy, take my life and all I am

In Moments Like These

In moments like these I sing out a song
I sing out a love song to Jesus
And In moments like these I lift up my hands
I lift up my hands to my God

Singing, I love you, God
Singing, I love you, God
Singing, I love you, God
I love you

In moments like these I sing out a song
I sing out a love song to Jesus
And In moments like these I lift up my hands
I lift up my hands to my God

Singing, I love you, God
Singing, I love you, God
Singing, I love you, God
I love you

Singing, I love you, God
Singing, I love you, God

Singing, I love you, God
I love you

Blessing

Closing Words

Closing Song ❖

Trading My Sorrow

La la la

La la la

La la la

I'm trading my sorrow
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God
I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God

(chorus)

We say yes God, yes God, yes, yes God,
Yes God, yes God, yes, yes God,
Yes God, yes God,
yes, yes God, Amen

I'm trading my sorrow
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God
I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God ***(chorus)***

I'm pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond curse for your promise will endure
And your joy's gonna be my strength

Though the sorrow may last for the night your joy comes with the morning
Though the sorrow may last for the night your joy comes with the morning, yeah

I'm trading my sorrow
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God
I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying it down for the joy of my God (***chorus 2X***)

Yes God, yes God,
yes, yes God, Amen

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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