

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



PRIDE 3: 7:00pm

Welcome on June 21, 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 ❖

The River is Here

Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here

The river of God sets our feet to dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

The river of God is teeming with life
And all who touch it can be revived
And those who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting for more and more

The river of God sets our feet to dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of our God
Along the banks of the river we run
We dance with laughter in the warmth of the sun

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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.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (*chorus*)

Every time I feel the spirit
Moving in my heart I will pray
Every time I feel the spirit
Moving in my heart I will pray

Up on the mountain, when my God spoke
All about was fire and smoke
I looked around me, it looked so fine
I asked my God if all was mine (*chorus X2*)

Oh, I have sorrow and I have woe
And I have heartaches here below
But while God leads me I'll never fear
Because I know that love is near (**chorus X2**)

Oh, Jordan river is chilly and cold.
It chills the body but not the soul.
And if you get there before I do
Reach out your hand and pull me through
(**repeat chorus 2-3x**)

Opening Prayer

Church on Fire

Well the Spirit is here and its power is real.
Anything can happen and it probably will.
Something very good,
something good is going on around here.

There's a light that shines around us all here.
A power and work and there's nothing to fear.
Something very good,
something good is going on around here.

This is a church on fire,
this is a Holy Spirit place!
We have a burning desire
to spread God's love and grace.
Let fire burn in every heart,
from little sparks the fire will start;
So let the flame of love burn higher,
this is a church, this is a church on fire!

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Lessons For Life

Deacon Randi Williams

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

TBA

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.

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together on our journey of faith.**

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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.

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.

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
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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)

Blessing

Closing Words

Closing Song ❖

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
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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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