

May 12, 2019

Sunday News

Morning edition

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Mother's Day for our community is often met with mixed emotions for various reasons. Some of us may have mothers who have passed away, others may no longer have a connection to our biological mothers because of our gender identity or sexuality, and others still may struggle with the desire to be mothers ourselves. However, the beautiful thing about MCC Toronto is that we know the power of 'chosen family'. There are many in our MCC Toronto family who are motherly to us and we are so thankful for our "adopted" mothers in this place. In the LGBTQ2+ community there are drag mothers who have passed the stories of our collective struggle from generation to generation. At MCC Toronto we celebrate the divine feminine mothering Spirit that watches over us like a mother hen over her chicks. There are many

mothers in our midst that are of no less validity than that of our birth mother. What qualifies a mother? A quick Google search will reveal the eight qualities of a good mother; patient, strong, humble, empathetic, respectful, authoritative, supportive and loving. Mothers embody all of these qualities and many more. Mothers are the light that remains bright even in our darkest days. They are the vessel of hope when we have lost our own. They are the ones we reach for when the world tells us no and when we have lost our strength.

So today we take time out to say thank you to all mothers, given and chosen, who have been there for us, nurtured and cared for us. Without you, our tears and cries would go unheard. Happy Mother's Day to all!

All Staff - MCC Toronto

Offertory Performer

Patti Jamieson has been a member of MCC Toronto for thirteen years and a member of The Choir for eleven years, indulging in her love of singing with friends. She was also a member of Pride and Joy. Patti has performed at various events some of which were a Bridges to Hope and Freedom events, the 2009 Voices for Hospice Concert, MCC Toronto Arms Open Wide concert, MCC Toronto's Leading Ladies concerts with Jackie Richardson, Christmas Eve service at Roy Thomson Hall in 2011, and more. Patti is no stranger to choral singing; growing up, she sang in the choir at the Presbyterian Church alongside her mother. Patti's hobbies include traveling, music and a passion for golf. Patti is pleased and blessed to be able to share her gift with you this Sunday, and would like to dedicate today's song in memory of her mother.

Music Director: Diane Leah

Order of Service

At the ❖ symbol, please rise as you are able.

Welcome

Hand of Friendship

Prelude

Open The Door -
The Choir

Moment of Silence

❖ Call To Worship

Mothering God You
Gave Me Birth

❖ Opening Prayer

Theme Conversation

Anthem

Stayed On Jesus – The
Choir

Time of

Reconciliation

Prayer of

Reconciliation

Affirmation of

Freedom

Invitation to

Anointing

Amazing Grace
Breathe On Me Breath
Of God

Sacred Readings

Proverbs 31:10, 25-29
Movie Clip from: The
Wife

Lessons for Life

Reel Theology: The
Wife, Mothers At
Front – Rev. Deana
Dudley

I'll Say Yes

Prayers of the People

❖ Jesus' Prayer

Offertory

Supermarket Flowers
- Patti Jamieson

Gathering Our Gifts

Our Journey of Faith

Blessing of Gifts

Holy Communion

Give Us This Day
Spirit, Spirit Of
Gentleness

All That We Have

Hallelujah (Cohen)

❖ Because You Live

❖ Benediction

❖ Closing Words

❖ Closing Song

This Little Light Of
Mine

Happening Today

Thrift Shop

All Morning | Upstairs Social Hall

Children's Ministry

11:00 a.m. | Rm 109 & 111

Trans, Non-Binary Group

1:00 p.m. | Triangle Rm C

SWAP Choir

1:00 p.m. | Triangle Rm A

Evening Service

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Happening This Week

Refugee Ministry Orientation

Monday | 1:00 p.m. | Room 109

Meditation

Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Room 109

Refugee Meeting

Wednesday | 3:00 p.m. | Room 109

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday | 6:00 p.m. | Social Hall

Reel Theology: Bohemian Rhapsody

Friday | 8:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Now Streaming In High Definition!

We are very excited to announce that viewers of our weekly webcast service will enjoy markedly improved picture quality thanks to the installation of two new 1080p high definition cameras. The new cameras, which were made possible by a lovely gift from member Bonte Minnema, will also provide a greater degree of flexibility to our volunteer operators, allowing them to pan in and pan out with greater ease, contributing to a more dynamic broadcast.

Rev. Jeff Rock – get ready for your close-up!



Pride Kick-Off

June 2 | 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. | MCC Toronto

Jazz Vespers : Pride Edition

June 2 | 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Church On Church

June 23 | 11:00 a.m. | Ryerson Theatre

Reel Theology:

Bohemian Rhapsody

May 17 | 8:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Green Book

May 24 | 8:00 p.m. | Sanctuary



VOLUNTEER Opportunities



We are currently looking for some key volunteer positions. If you are interested in any of the positions below please email Andrew Holmes at aholmes@mcctoronto.com.

- A Hospitality Coordinator to plan and schedule our coffee hosts each week.
- Evening Service Sound Operator Team and Team Lead.

Pride Donations



If you are interested in donating to this year's Pride events please contact us at giving@mcctoronto.com.

Additionally there will be information available in the Social Hall.

Upcoming Projects



We will be undertaking two projects expected to start in the 3rd week of May.

1. The brick wing walls on each side of the Staircases on Howland and on Simpson Avenue will be rebuilt. This work may affect access to the sanctuary to one entrance at times.
2. Excavation and waterproofing of the Foundation along Simpson Avenue and Howland will be done in **three stages**. The first stage will begin from the bottom of the Ramp extending around the corner of the doors to the Triangle School and Gymnasium. During this phase, the doors to the Triangle School and Gymnasium will be out of service. It is not expected that the remaining phases will affect access to the Sanctuary.

All three phases are expected to be completed by the end of July. During the course of the project, protective fencing will be erected around the trees and along the trenches. We ask that you use caution when entering and exiting the church and follow direction of any safety signage.



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Thank You

MCC Toronto is grateful to the following donors who made gifts in support of our Easter Service. We apologize that their names were previously omitted.

- ◇ **Heather Magee in honour of Stephanie Belanger, Fred Morson & Anne Magee**
- ◇ **Marilyn McCowan in memory of my grandparents**

Tearing Down Walls. Building Up Hope.

MCC TORONTO'S
CHURCH
on
CHURCH
AT RYERSON THEATRE

JUNE 23 AT 11 AM | RYERSON THEATRE
43 Gerrard St. E (Steps From Church St.)

With Rev. Jeff Rock

featuring The Choir of MCC Toronto and
special guests **Sterling Jarvis and Kelly Holiff**
Music Director **Diane Leah**



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