

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



9:00 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.

Welcome Home

June 18, 2017

Father's Day

We are pleased that you are 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 Canada's leading, progressive, diverse community of faith.

Kindly silence all mobile devices during service.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments immediately following our services in the Social Hall.

Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation

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

Prelude

Our Time

Performed by: The Choir of MCC Toronto

Call to Worship

Deacon Sandra Fontenelle

One: Oh God help us to listen as the Holy Spirit calls us

Many: To walk with pride and shout with joy!

❖ Processional Hymn

Our God Is Like An Eagle

When Israel camped in Sinai
God spoke and Moses heard
This message tell the people
And give them this my word
From Egypt I was with you
And carried on my wing
The whole of your great nation
From slav'ry I did bring

If God is like an eagle
Who helps her young to fly
And God is also father
Then what of you and I
We have no need of labels
We have no need of roles
If God's own being blends them
We seek the self-same goal

Our God is not a woman
Our God is not a man
Our God is both and neither
Our God is I WHO AM
From all the roles that bind us
Our God has set us free
What freedom does God give us
The freedom just to be!

❖ **Opening Prayer**

Deacon Randy Williams

Member Reception (9:00)

Andrew Holmes

Anthem

Happy Together

Written by: G. Bonner & A. Gordon

Performed by: The Choir of MCC Toronto

Prayers of the People

Deacon Sandra Fontenelle

You are invited to name people or circumstances as prayer requests out loud. "..."

Please also keep in your prayers, those who have lost a Father in the past year

One: Gracious God, your abundance surrounds us and sustains us. We thank you for gifts of friendship and new beginnings, for life as it unfolds and new opportunities for growth "... God of grace,

Many: We know you hear our prayers.

One: Spirit of hope, in our lives and in our world there are many troubled by concerns. Some face the uncertainty and pain of illness. Some wrestle with anxiety and fear, about work, about relationships and about themselves. We pray that your healing love may touch these lives "... God of hope,

Many: We know you hear our prayers.

One: Spirit of compassion, be with us as we face losses in our lives. Where there is disappointment, lead us to joy. Where there is grief, fill us with your peace. Where there is death, help us to say good-bye for now and not for ever. We pray for "... God of compassion,

Many: We know you hear our prayers.

One: Breath of the Universe, you have created us for joy. Open our minds to the gracious promptings of your Spirit. Increase our trust and guide our hearts in the ways of the truth.

Many: God of many names, you transform us by grace and renew us in peace. Amen, Amen, Amen!

First Reading

1 Corinthians 2: 9-10

But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love God”.

These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit;

for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God.



One: Alleluia!

Many: Alleluia!

One: Holy Spirit, God of all; shape our lives with truth and love

Many: Alleluia

Second Reading

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, CM

Matthew 28: 18-20

And Jesus came and said to the disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Creator and of the Christ and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

One: These are sacred readings.

May they comfort us, inspire us, and challenge us.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Many: Glory to God all around us

And to all creation peace

O God all loving, we thank you

And give praise to you for your glory

Jesus Christ, one with God

Guide us, and show us the way

For you, O God, are the holy one

You, O God, are most high

To Jesus Christ our trusted friend

And Holy Spirit evermore

Be blessing and honour and glory

Be all blessing and honour and glory

Amen, Amen, Amen

Lessons for Life

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, CM

Church of the Future - Part 4 - Where Do We Go From Here?

In many traditions Lessons for Life are called sermons. They are meant to inspire you in your spiritual journey and to challenge you to find ways to put your faith into action. Earlier webcasts are archived at www.mcctoronto.com/video/sunday-services-archive.

Time of Reconciliation

Surely The Presence

Surely the presence of our God is in this place
I can feel your mighty power and your grace
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of our God is in this place

Prayer of Reconciliation

Deacon Randy Williams

One: Jesus showed us a way to a new relationship with God, freeing us from whatever binds us, reconciling us with God, with each other, and with ourselves.
And so we pray:

Many: **God, your grace
Liberates us from the past,
Frees us from sadness,
Releases us from guilt.
Your love inspires us to sing a new song,
As we embrace the beauty within us,
In others and in you.
We open our hearts again
To the renewal, the forgiveness,
And the freedom you offer ...**

A time is provided for silent reflection or confession.

Affirmation of Freedom

Deacon Randy Williams

One: Hear the good news, God saying to us, "Behold, I make all things new!" In every moment, you are loved, and so you are forgiven, free in the name of God who created you, who dwells within you, and who goes with you always. Amen.

Invitation to Time of Anointing

Deacon Randy Williams

Please feel free to come forward to receive anointing for healing.

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

Every dream I've known
Every 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 every 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

Shepherd of My Heart

My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want
Green are the pastures where I'm led to repose
Near waters still and deep, God will refresh my soul
I am led onward in ways true to thy name

Guide me, O shepherd of my heart
Lead me homeward through the dark
Into everlasting day
Show me the way of truth and light
Keep me always in your sight
May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart

If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness
No evil shall I fear with God at my side
There with your crook and staff
You give me strength and comfort
You spread a banquet in the sight of my foes

Guide me, O shepherd of my heart
Lead me homeward through the dark
Into everlasting day
Show me the way of truth and light
Keep me always in your sight
May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart

You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing
Goodness and kindness crown the days of my life
Within the Lord's own house, I dwell in peace forever
Within the house of God, my soul is at rest

Guide me, O shepherd of my heart
Lead me homeward through the dark
Into everlasting day
Show me the way of truth and light
Keep me always in your sight
May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart

❖ **Jesus' Prayer**

**Many: Our creator, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name
thy dominion come
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
for thine is dominion
and the power and the glory
for ever... Amen**

Call for Offering

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, cash, 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.

Offertory

Amazing Grace/Reach out and Touch

Written by: N. Ashford & V. Simpson

Arranged by: Diane Leah

Performed by: Stephanie Martin

Gathering of our Gifts

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 of Gifts

Ask Dads to come forward during blessing of 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. Amen.

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

Celebration of Holy Communion

One: God is with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: It is right to give thanks and praise.

One: It is a right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, loving God, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with all the company of heaven who forever sing to proclaim the glory of your Name.

****Fathers, please come forward to behind the Communion Rail****

**Many: Holy, holy, holy one; my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you, holy are you God!
Saint, Saint, Saint Très-Haut,
Mon coeur te donne louange,
Mon Dieu, mon coeur proclame avec joie,
Tu es le seul Éternel.**

One: On the night you were betrayed, you took the bread,
After giving thanks you broke it and said,
"This is my body, broken for you,
And as you do this, remember me."

**Many: "This is my body, broken for you,
And as you do this, remember me."**

One: On the night you were betrayed you held the cup.
After giving thanks, you lifted it up.
"This is my life, poured out for you,
And as you do this, remember me."

**Many: "This is my life, poured out for you,
And as you do this, remember me."**

One: So we thank you for the cup and for the bread,
For we see the love you gave and the life you led.
And we remember your wondrous love,
You gave your body, you showed your love.

**Fathers: And we remember your wondrous love,
You gave your body, you showed your love.**

**Many: And we remember your wondrous love,
You gave your body, you showed your love.**

One: Let us now proclaim the Mystery of our Faith:

**Many: Christ has died! Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!**

Invitation to God's Table

As others receive, please maintain an atmosphere of calm reflection, and join in singing the communion hymns.

We celebrate an open communion. We serve only non-alcoholic juice and the wafers are 100% wheat. When you come forward, a volunteer will dip the wafer, place it in your mouth and offer you a brief blessing. We celebrate a variety of understandings about communion. We believe the wafers and juice are transformed in community to be spiritual nourishment. As another way of respecting our Bedrock Belief that there are many paths to God, if you would like a blessing without the host/wafer, simply approach the volunteer with your arms crossed over your chest.

Self-administered communion tables are set up at the centre back of the sanctuary on the ground floor and under our DNA banners upstairs. Instructions are at each table. We also offer gluten free wafers for communion. The post on the south side (left side) of the sanctuary has a special plate for you. Please take a host from the plate, dip it in the juice and place in your mouth. The volunteer standing next to the post will be the person who then shares a blessing with you. They cannot offer you the wafer and juice as they have been touching the wheat hosts.

Give Us This Day

Give us this day our daily bread
You said you would supply all my needs
According to your riches
I have but to ask and I shall receive
To go from here and share this love you've given me
To show the ones who're lost
And help them find the way
The way to truth and love, so they can be free

Oh God, we need your love
Oh God, we need your peace
Oh God, we need your joy, so we can be free
Give us this day our daily bread

All That We Have

All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart enlightened and free
Take what we bring now and give what we need
All done in God's name

Some would rely on their power
Others put trust in their gold
Some have only their maker
Whose faithfulness never grows old

All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart enlightened and free
Take what we bring now and give what we need
All done in God's name

Sometimes the road may be lonesome
Often we may lose our way
Take courage and always remember
God's love will be there every day

All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart enlightened and free
Take what we bring now and give what we need
All done in God's name

Sometimes when blessings are many
Life will feel joyful and new
Just never forget that our maker
Still walks hand in hand with you

All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart enlightened and free
Take what we bring now and give what we need
All done in God's name

In Moments Like These

In moments like these, I sing out a song
I sing out a love song to Jesus
In moments like these, I lift up my hands
I lift up my hands to the Lord
Singing, "I love you, Lord"
Singing, "I love you, Lord"
Singing, "I love you, Lord, I love you"

In moments like these, I turn to my friend
I turn to my friend who is Jesus
In moments like these, I turn to my friend
I turn to my friend, the Lord
Saying, "I love you, Lord"
Saying, "I love you, Lord"
Saying, "I love you, Lord, I love you"

In moments like these, I breathe out a prayer
I breathe out a prayer to my Jesus
In moments like these, I breathe out a prayer
I breathe out a prayer to the Lord
Praying, "I love you, Lord"
Praying, "I love you, Lord"
Praying, "I love you, Lord, I love you"

Alleluia (Traditional)



Because You Live

Because you live, I can face tomorrow
Because you live, all fear is gone
Because I know, you hold the future
And life is worth the living, just because you live

❖ Benediction

Many: Amen, Amen, Amen!

❖ Closing Words

I'm Coming Out

I'm coming out
I want the world to know
Got to let it show

I'm coming out
I want the world to know
Got to let it show

There's a new me coming out
And I just want to live
I just wanna give
I'm completely positive

I think this time around
I am gonna do it
Like you never knew it

Oh, I'll make it through
The time has come for me
To break out of my shell
I have to shout
That I am coming out

I'm coming out
I want the world to know
Got to let it show

I'm coming out
I want the world to know
Got to let it show
I'm coming out, I'm coming out

I'm coming out
I want the world to know
Got to let it show

I'm coming out
I want the world to know
Got to let it show
I'm coming out!

**If you have any questions about this service, ask a deacon.
We invite you to attend our Elevation Service for an energetic
worship on Sundays at 7:00 p.m.**

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Please join us in the Social Hall

Following our service, please join us for refreshments and fellowship. Visit the Information Centre to find out about events and more!

We care and we are 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 are with you in prayer

You can send in a prayer request in any one of five 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**
4. Through the link on the front page of our website at:
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