

# The Query

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Озія ж породив Йоатама, а Йоатам породив  
Ахаза, Ахаз же породив Єзекію.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called  
the children of God. – Matthew 5:9



## HELP SUPPORT LGBTQ+ UKRAINIANS NOW!

Dear MCC Toronto Friends & Faithful,

Like many of you, we at MCC Toronto are horrified by the human rights violations we are seeing in Ukraine. We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people, those in Russia and Belarus advocating for peace, and we join the global community in condemning these acts of war.

This Putin-led attack on Ukraine is also an attack on LGBTQ+ rights and freedoms as part of the Russian government's far-right, anti-gay agenda. This past week the [patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church suggested](#) that Pride parades were the litmus test for liberal western morality that need to be stomped out with Russia's invasion of Ukraine. We fear for our queer siblings who face the loss of decades of work towards inclusion, along with the very real loss of life.

As part of the [Dignity Network](#), a Canadian-based coalition of civil society organizations

working on international SOGIE (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression) rights, we at MCC Toronto are working to understand the impacts of this invasion on Ukraine's leading LGBTQ+ organizations and taking action to support them. Through our LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs, we will soon be launching an information awareness campaign to let Ukrainian community organizations and refugee-serving agencies across Canada that we are here to help LGBTQ+ Ukrainians. We stand ready to provide support and services to LGBTQ+ Ukraine refugees who are trying to get to Canada and to those who are trying to get to Canada.

Today, MCC Toronto is asking for your help in supporting LGBTQ+ Ukrainians as we add yet another country to our LGBTQ+ Refugee Waitlist which already includes 50 LGBTQ Afghan Refugees. **PLEASE** consider sponsoring an LGBTQ+ Refugee from Ukraine or Afghanistan or make a financial donation to our life changing and life saving LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs. [Read here](#) on what you can do.

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(Matthew 5:9)

-Rev. Jeff Rock,  
Senior Pastor

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## Join Us | Easter Services Calendar



As our Lenten sermon series "Fights for Human Rights" continues, we hope you will join us for our upcoming Easter Services. Please note that on Easter Sunday we are hosting both a 9 and 11 AM in-person Worship Service.

### Easter Worship Schedule:

Palm Sunday Service - April 10 (no year reqd) | in-person & livestreamed | 11 AM

Good Friday Service - April 10 | in-person & livestreamed | 7:30 PM

Easter Sunrise Service - April 17 | at Ashbridges Bay - 6 AM | on Youtube Channel - 7 AM

Easter Sunday Service - April 17 | in-person - 9 & 11 AM | livestreamed - 11AM

During this special time, MCC Toronto invites you to consider the opportunity of making a gift in memory. All donors (and their remembered loved ones) will be recognized in the April 15 Query and as part of our Easter Sunday Worship Service on April 17.

## Sunday Service Musical Guest



Shannon Linton is our Offertory Performer this Sunday

Shannon, a singer-songwriter from Cobourg, Ontario, is Palm Sunday's Offertory Performer! In addition to Shannon's solo work, she is one-half of the folk pop duo Northern Hearts. You might hear hints of Shannon's operatic training in her powerful voice, adding a unique and rich flavour to her music.

Shannon is the mom of two kids and lives on her fourth-generation family farm. You can currently hear her perform if you park at the end of her driveway while she sings and plays on her front porch!

She is also one of the co-founders and choral directors of SONG, a free, socially inclusive music program for youth in Northumberland County.

Shannon has two singles available everywhere you buy or stream music online. Follow Shannon on [Instagram](#) to stay in touch.

**March 20 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel**

**CLICK HERE TO JOIN THIS SERVICE ONLINE**

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**Join Us | New Educational Seminars**

# *Of Death and Dying – Legacy Planning*

Congregants and community members are invited to attend the last session of our special educational seminars, Death and Dying.

There is no need to pre-register. If you have any specific questions that you would like the moderators to address, please forward them to [giving@mcctoronto.com](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com).

**March 24 | 7 - 8:15 PM**

## **Open Discussion on Funeral Planning**

Led by Imre Szabo, Licensed Funeral Director and Cemetery Pre-Planner Advisor & Chad VanDyk, Manager, Funeral Operations (both with the Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries)

With collective 40+ years of experience, Imre and Chad will present on the importance of planning for your here after.

**ATTEND SEMINARS HERE**

Meeting ID: **865 2950 0512**  
Passcode: **130418**

# Volunteer

with us!

Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs. Currently we are looking for volunteers for our **Triangle Lunch Program**.

To sign up for these or other opportunities, please click the link below.

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE**



Taking care of each other is more important than ever these days, and if you are in need of some care we are here for you. Just hop on the link below and fill out the form to let one of our pastors know about your needs.

Want to learn more? [Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!](#)

[REQUEST CONGREGATIONAL CARE HERE](#)

Every Gift is a Blessing. Please consider making a gift to MCC Toronto today.

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## Online and In-Person Programming March 20 - 26

<b>MAR</b> <b>20 - 26</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <span>20</span> <b>11 AM</b> - Online and In-Person Sunday Service <b>1 PM</b> - Digital Coffee Hour (ZOOM)	<b>MONDAY</b> <span>21</span>	<b>TUESDAY</b> <span>22</span> <b>7 PM</b> - Bible Study	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <span>23</span>
		<b>THURSDAY</b> <span>24</span> <b>10:30 AM</b> - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM) <b>7 PM</b> - Open Discussion on Funeral Planning	<b>FRIDAY</b> <span>25</span>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <span>26</span>

**Sunday:**

**11 AM** - Online and In-Person Sunday Service  
**1 PM** - Digital Coffee Hour

**Tuesday:**

**7 PM** - Bible Study

**Thursday:**

**10:30 AM** - Ever Wonder Group Discussion  
(Email: [everwonder@mcctoronto.com](mailto:everwonder@mcctoronto.com))

**7 PM** - Open Discussion on Funeral Planning



**Sunday Digital Coffee Hour**

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Sunday | 1 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 828 3849 6709

Password: 797837



**Bible Study**

**Bible Study**

Tuesday | 7 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 860 7974 3149

Password: 337101



**Sunday Service Worship**

Online | 11 AM | In-person | MCC Toronto YouTube

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**Share Us Digitally!**

If you know of anyone who might be interested in anything we're doing at MCC Toronto please invite them to join us digitally via the button below.

**SHARE THE QUERY HERE**

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We'd love to hear from you!

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