

"Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness."

- Maya Angelou

50th Anniversary Concert Preview



Do you have your tickets for MCC Toronto's 50th Anniversary Concert yet?

BECOME A DONOR, BUY TICKETS, MAKE A DONATION

In the above clip, Music Director Jason Jestadt (he/him) previews how music, video and photos will come together to tell the MCC Toronto story over the past five decades in a once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

Tickets for the **50th Anniversary Concert** hosted on **October 19** cost \$75 (including HST), and special donor packages are available for \$250, \$500 and \$1,000. While the **50th Anniversary Concert** is a critically important fundraising event for MCC Toronto, we are working to provide accommodation to folks wishing to attend but who may not have the resources. If you are interested in attending and require accommodation, please send an email to **office@mcctoronto.com**.

Featured performers include:





Pride and Joy Soulful Worship and Praise (SWAP) Choir

Reminder: Send Us Your Photos!



REMINDER! We are still inviting congregants and members to submit **wedding pictures** (whether you were married at MCC Toronto or not) or **pictures of you and your partner** to be included in a special digital presentation at our 50th Anniversary Concert. We are also looking for **candid photos showing MCC Toronto life over the years**, including pictures from any of our special events, gatherings or worship services.

Please send your photos to **communications@mcctoronto.com** by Friday, **September 29**.

Help Award COP grant(s) to worthy organizations!



REMINDER! Are you involved with community organizations doing good work in 2SLGBTQIA+, human rights, health or social services? Do you know organizations that are making a difference in our community?

If yes, please send them this link (hyperlink to webpage) and invite them to apply for a 2023 Community Outreach Partnerships (COP) Grant before **Friday**, **October 20**! MCC Toronto's long-standing COP granting program is funded by congregants and members who contribute \$10 a month to help support an annual prize of \$5,000 awarded to an organization or shared between several organizations doing good community work and with missions that align with ours.

Please help spread the word!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP GRANT

MCC Toronto 50th Anniversary T Shirts!



If you have pre-ordered a T Shirt, you can pick it up this Sunday (**September 24**) at the Service.

If you are interested in buying one, you can purchase with **debit/credit or exact change** at the Info Desk following **next** Sunday's Worship Service. Or you can order online below!

ORDER YOUR T SHIRT ONLINE TODAY

Musical Guest

Geneviève Trudel (she/they) is our Offertory Performer

this Sunday!

Geneviève is a young and passionate musician, born and raised in Toronto, Ontario. From the moment she could talk, she wanted to sing. She was always drawn to the stage, which led her to perform in musicals and sing in an adult church choir at the age of 10. Now, working as a soloist, she has a well-rounded repertoire and wants to share her love of music and performing with the world.

September 24 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel



CLICK HERE TO JOIN US FOR THIS SERVICE ONLINE

LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs Info Session | This Sunday September 24 | After Service



If you want to know more about what MCC Toronto is doing for the LGBTQ+ refugees in Canada and beyond, come hang out with us this Sunday, **September 24**, **right after Sunday Service in the Rainbow Room**. We'll talk about the amazing work of our LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs and how you can get involved, too!

If you can't join us in person and would like to participate in a Zoom meeting Info Session, please email:

communications@mcctoronto.com

Save the Date | Oct 1



Save the date for MCC Toronto's Homecoming celebration on Sunday, **October 1** at **11 AM**.

This Homecoming will also mark the return of our Sunday Worship Services to our beloved Sanctuary.



Serving up meals to students in the Triangle Program is one of our most in-demand volunteer offerings! The Triangle Lunch Program returns for the 2023-2024 school year in September, and we need help in the kitchen! Volunteer opportunities are currently available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a Monday lunch program is in the works.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE



It is always a pleasure to acknowledge and celebrate members and congregants enrolled in our weekly and monthly giving program! The on-going support of our 300+ sustaining donors is so critical to the work MCC Toronto does everyday, and we are extremely grateful for your gifts. However, like a lot of churches, MCC Toronto has seen our weekly and monthly contributions decline over the past two years. Today, we invite you to

consider joining our family of weekly or monthly donors. Whether your gift is \$5 a week, or \$25 a month, every bit helps support our operations. You can sign up on our **website** or contact giving@mcctoronto.com for more information.



Taking care of ourselves or others is always important. 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 about our Congregational Care program? Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin (she/her)!

REQUEST CONGREGATIONAL CARE HERE

This Week at a Glance September 24 - 30

Sunday:

11 AM - Online and in-person Worship Service
12:30 PM: LGBTQ+ Refugee Program Info Session

Monday:

1 PM - LGBTQ+ Refugee Program Orientation Session



Bible Study
Tuesday| 7:00 PM

ZOOM Link
Meeting ID: 897 1945 8479

Password: 559690

Tuesday:

6 PM - FREE Yoga 7 PM - Bible Study

Thursday:

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



Children's Church
Resumes after Homecoming



Questions? Comments? Enquiries? We'd love to hear from you!

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