

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



PENTECOST 7: 9:00am and 11:00am

Welcome on July 19, 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.

Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation
One Minute Celebrations
Hand of Friendship

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

Prelude
This is the Day

Call to Worship ❖

One: Thank you God, for new life today,

Many: and for the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place.

Processional Hymn ❖

All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions.

Rock of faith and vault of grace;

Here the love of God shall end divisions:

(chorus)

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where all can speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's people dare to seek, to dream God's love anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith that heals us ***(chorus)***

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat,
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, with Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
When we share as one the feast that frees us ***(chorus)***

Anniversary Covenant ❖

One: Let us join together in renewing our covenant as a faith community,

All: **We have been led by our love and need for God to this place.**

We have been called to be the people of God.

We have been called to be a church.

We have suffered, we have rejoiced, we have lost hope, And we have dared to hope again.

We have come to love one another.

We celebrate the amazing diversity of our people.

We celebrate the presence of those who are new to our community.

We celebrate the abundance and good stewardship of our resources.

We are committed to the growth of our community.

We are committed to caring for and loving each other.

We are committed to calling leaders from among us to achieve our vision.

We are committed to providing and embracing opportunities for spiritual growth.

We are committed to sharing our ministry in the world beyond these walls.

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God.

Presentation of Anniversary Medals and Awards

Anniversary Medals

MCC Toronto celebrates that our community has among the highest number of long term members among the churches in our fellowship. Each Anniversary Sunday we honour the long-term

commitment of those Members who have been a part of our congregation for either 10 or 25 years.

Beloved Disciple Award ...is given for long-term, distinguished service to the church. This award may only be bestowed once to an individual, and the individual must have been a member of MCC Toronto for at least ten years.

Vision Alive Award ...is given to an individual(s)/team who have taken part of the vision for our church and made it happen. This award may only be bestowed once per person or project.

Community Service Award ...is given to remarkable people who have made a significant contribution to our community, outside of MCC Toronto. This award may only be bestowed once to an individual.

Anthem

Proclamation of Service

Prayers of the People

During this time you are invited to name people or circumstances as prayer requests out loud, at the appropriate times (✠), as you feel comfortable.

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!**

Sacred Readings

John 10: 14-16

One: Alleluia!

Many: Alleluia!

One: Jesus said to the people,
"Love each other as God loves you."

Many: Alleluia!

1 Peter 2: 1-5 and 9-10

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, C.M.

joined by Lori Boyce, Mark Warren and Dawn Sinclair

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 at the Information Centre and webcasts (8 week archive) are available at www.MCCToronto.com.

Time of Reconciliation

Come to the Water

And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by my side.

I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied.

I felt every tear-drop when in anguish you cried,

And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."

Prayer of Reconciliation

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 ...**

Affirmation of Freedom

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

As we sing together please come forward freely alone or with a friend to receive an anointing for healing so that God’s love might transform us in body and spirit.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a soul like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was bound but now I’m free.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
‘Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
This word my hope secures;

God will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

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.

Offertory

Pride & Joy (*bio on page 2 of Sunday News*)

Featuring Patti Jamieson

Building Bridges

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.

One: ...the ushers will come forward to receive our tithes,
and offerings.

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

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.

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

Celebration of Holy Communion

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, 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 *Separate 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.*

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.

**Many: Holy, holy, holy one; my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you, holy are you God!
¡Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
¡Mi corazón te sabe decir, Santo eres mi Dios!**

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.

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

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

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet holy spirit, sweet heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love,
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.
There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know the saviour's fullness, and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Sweet holy spirit, sweet heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love,
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

When Peace Like a River Attendeth

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin -- O the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Alleluia **Because You Live ❖**

Benediction ❖

Many: Amen, Amen, Amen!

Closing Words ❖

Closing Song ❖

Listen to the Music

Don't you feel it growin'
Day by day
People – get ready for the news
Some are happy, some are sad...
Oh we're gonna let the music play

What we need is more love...
It's a way to make us smile
It's not hard to do
We all know how
Feel the spirit, bring it on through
Oh come on and let the music play

(chorus)

Oh – oh – oh listen to the music
Oh – oh – oh listen to the music
Oh – oh – oh listen to the music

All the time... ***(repeat chorus)***

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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