

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



EPIPHANY 2

Welcome on January 18, 2009

Worship & Celebration: 7:00pm

Social Time: following Worship & Celebration

We are so pleased that you're able to join us today in worship and celebration at MCC Toronto. We are a joyful, spiritual community of people committed to being an inclusive, affirmative, caring church.

If today is your first time visiting us, you like what is happening here and want to get involved, please fill in the orange welcome card found in the pew pocket and meet with a H.O.M.E. Team volunteer after service on the north side of the sanctuary. They will share MCC Toronto information with you.

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

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.

Our vision is to be a bridge. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, you are welcome! Even if today 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. Here is a guide to our worship:

We are a house of prayer for all people. We affirm many paths to God. For non-Christ-centred Anointing or Communion blessings, please approach the anointer or server with your arms crossed over your chest.

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 in the Social Hall and transcripts are available at www.MCCToronto.com

Building Bridges is possible because of the abundant giving of people just like you. Gathering our gifts, we celebrate the difference God makes in people's lives through our life as community.

We celebrate an open Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to participate in Communion. If today is your first time in church, you are especially welcome to share in Communion. When you come forward, a server will dip the wafer in the juice, place it in your mouth and offer you a brief blessing like: "Rejoice that God is love and this love is with you always." We serve only non-alcoholic wine and the wafers are 100% wheat. We celebrate a variety of understandings about communion and so we believe the bread and juice are transformed in community to be spiritual nourishment for all people.

Our Volunteers make it all possible! At times in our service, you may notice a number of people moving into position to serve. We extend a special thank you to all who make our celebrations possible through their gifts of time and talent today and every time we gather.

The Touch of the Holy: that's what our weekly celebrations are all about. We pray that God's presence will remain with you to bring you peace and joy.

We Gather with Music

Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation

One Minute Celebrations

Hand of Friendship

Worship & Praise ❖

Sunrise, Sunset

Sunrise,

I'm gonna praise your name.

Sunset,

I'm gonna praise your name.

Praise God!

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God

Who lives in heaven and earth

With wisdom, power and love,

our God is an awesome God.

We See You God

We see you, God, we see you, God,

And you are high and lifted up,

And your train fills the temple,

You are high and lifted up,

And your train fills the temple.
The angels cry, "Holy!" The angels cry, "Holy!"
The angels cry, "Holy are you God!" (*repeat*)

Prayer of Invocation

Church on Fire

Well the spirit is here and its power is real.
Anything can happen and it probably will.
Something very good,
something good is going on around here.

There's a light that shines around us all here.
A power and work and there's nothing to fear.
Something very good,
something good is going on around here.

This is a church on fire,
this is a holy spirit place!
We have a burning desire
to spread God's love and grace.
Let fire burn in every heart,
from little sparks the fire will start;
So let the flame of love burn higher,
this is a church, this is a church on fire!

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Lessons For Life

Taking Flight, Part III: The Ski Jumper

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

Sermon Song
Run to You

Building Bridges
Gathering 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 Our 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.

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Intercessory Prayer

Jesus' Prayer ❖

We Celebrate Connection & Transformation

Communion (in front of the altar), Anointing for Healing (against the north west wall), and Personal Intercessory Prayer (in the chapel) are offered simultaneously at this time. Please join in singing:

Come Just As You Are

Come just as you are, hear the spirit call.

Come just as you are.

Come and see, come receive.

Come and live forever.

Love everlasting, and strength for today;
Taste the living water, and never thirst again.

Come just as you are, hear the spirit call.

Come just as you are.

Come and live abundantly.

Come and live forevermore.

Blessing, Honour and Glory

Blessing, honour, glory to you, God.

Holy, righteous, worthy are you God.

Nothing can hold us down

For you bring freedom

Showing us all your love

We come to you, O God.

Blessing, honour, glory to you, God.

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Blessing, honour, glory to you, God.
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Bright Side

There's a bright side somewhere
There's a bright side somewhere
I'm gonna keep on till I find it
There's a bright side somewhere

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I'm gonna keep on till I find it
There's a bright side somewhere

There is more love somewhere
There is more love somewhere
I'm gonna keep on till I find it
There is more love somewhere

There is more peace somewhere
There is more peace somewhere
I'm gonna keep on till I find it
There is more peace somewhere

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Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Blessing

Closing Words

Closing Song ❖

I Can See Clearly Now

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me down

It's gonna be a bright, bright
Sun-Shiny day.
It's gonna be a bright, bright
Sun-Shiny day.

Oh yes I can make it now, the pain is gone
All of the bad feelings have disappeared
Here is the rainbow I've been prayin' for

It's gonna be a bright, bright
Sun-Shiny day.
It's gonna be a bright, bright
Sun-Shiny day.

Look all around, there's nothin' but blue skies
Look straight ahead, nothin' but blue skies

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Please join us in the Social Hall

Following our service, please join us for refreshments, find out about events at the Information Centre, and more!

We care, and we're here to listen. If you would like to pray with someone following today's service please approach a Prayer Partner who will be in the chapel.

We're with you in prayer.

You can send in a prayer request in any one of four ways:

1. Through the **prayer book in the Chapel,**
2. Call **416-406-6228 x 171,**
3. Send an e-mail to: **care@mcctoronto.com,** or
4. Through the link on the front page of our website at:
www.mcctoronto.com

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