

# **LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE**



**EASTER 3: 7:00pm**

## **Welcome on April 26, 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.**

## **We Gather with Music**

### **Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation**

One Minute Celebrations

Hand of Friendship

### **Opening Songs ❖**

#### **Every Day**

What to say, God? It's  
You who gave me life and I  
Can't explain just how  
Much you mean to me now  
That you have saved me, God  
I give all that I am to you  
That everyday I can  
Be a light that shines your name

#### ***(chorus)***

Every day, it's you I live for  
Every day, I'll follow after you  
Every day, I'll walk with you, my God

Every day, God, I'll  
Learn to stand upon your word  
And I pray that I  
That I might come to know you more  
That you would guide me with every single step I take,  
That every day I can be your light unto the world

#### ***(chorus x 2)***

It's you I live for, everyday  
It's you I live for, everyday  
It's you I live for, every single day ***(repeat 2 times)***

***(chorus x 2)***

**Lead Me to the Rock**

When my heart is overwhelmed, hear my cry,  
give heed to my prayer,  
and my eyes are dim with tears,  
O God make them clear.  
From the ends of all the earth  
when my heart is fainting  
let me know that you have heard  
and lead me into safety. And ...

***(chorus)***

Lead me to the rock, the rock that's higher  
Lead me to the rock that's higher than I.  
Lead me to the rock, the rock that's higher,  
higher than I.

You, O God, have been for me  
a refuge from my enemies.  
Let me live within your strength  
in the shelter of your wings.  
From the ends of all the earth  
when my heart is fainting  
let me know that you have heard  
and lead me into safety. And ...

***(chorus 2x, and then repeat "higher than I" 3x)***

**Breathe**

This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe.  
Your holy presence living in me.  
This is my daily bread. This is my daily bread.  
Your very word spoken to me.  
And I...I'm desperate for you. And I...I'm lost without you.

## Opening Prayer

### 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.

### *(chorus)*

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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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,  
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### *(chorus)*

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this is a Holy Spirit place!

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to spread God's love and grace.  
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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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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!

## **Lessons For Life**

### **Afterwards...**

Deacon Randi Williams

*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 in the Social Hall and webcasts (8 week archive) are available at [www.MCCToronto.com](http://www.MCCToronto.com).*

## **Sermon Song**

### **Like the Sunshine**

Like the sunshine after rainfall like the gentle breeze,  
Like the stillness of the morning like the radiant trees:  
These things I knew before,  
But never have they spoken such life to me,  
Oh the wonder of a maker whose heart delights in me.

The heavens declare your magnificence,  
The earth resounds with your love;  
Be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.

Like the nurture of a baby at its mother's breast,  
Like the closeness of a lover, like two souls at rest;  
These things I knew before,  
But never have they spoken such peace to me,  
Oh the wonder of a maker whose heart delights in me.

The heavens declare your magnificence,  
the earth resounds with your love;  
be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.

Like the vastness of a desert, like the ocean's roar  
Like the greatness of the mountains where the eagles soar,  
These things I knew before,  
But never have they spoken such power to me,  
Oh the wonder of a maker whose heart delights in me.

The heavens declare your magnificence,  
The earth resounds with your love;  
Be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.  
The heavens declare your magnificence,  
The earth resounds with your love;  
Be still, my soul, and be satisfied to rest in you.

To rest in you  
To rest in you  
To rest in you

## **Building Bridges**

### **Gathering Our Gifts**

*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](http://www.cra.gc.ca/donors), and see your financial advisor to help you make the decision that is right for you.*

## **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.**

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

## **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.*

***We celebrate an open Communion.*** When you come forward, a volunteer will dip the wafer in the juice, place it in your mouth and offer you a brief blessing. 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. As another way of respecting our Bedrock Belief that there are many paths to God, if you would like a non-Christ centered blessing, simply approach the volunteer with your arms crossed over your chest.

***Anointing for Healing*** A volunteer will place oil on your forehead and offer a simple blessing such as "Be anointed for healing and to be a healer in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Friend and the Holy Spirit."

***Intercessory Prayer*** A Prayer Partner volunteer will pray with you after you share a brief description of your concern/celebration.

***Self-Administered Communion Stations*** Separate communion tables are set-up at the centre back of the Sanctuary on the ground floor. Instructions are on the table.

*Please come for any or all as you are moved to and 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.

## **Let Us Break Bread Together**

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O God, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O God, have mercy on me.

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O God, have mercy on me.

## **Holy Ground Medley**

This is holy ground.

We're standing on holy ground.

For the Lord is present,

and where God is, is holy. (*repeat*)

These are holy hands.

God's given us holy hands.

God works through these hands,

And so these hands are holy. (*repeat*)

We are standing on holy ground,

and I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now;

for we are standing in God's presence

on holy ground. (*repeat*)

## **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

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

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

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

## **Blessing**

## **Closing Words**

## **Closing Song ❖**

### **Every Time I Feel the Spirit (chorus)**

Every time I feel the spirit  
Moving in my heart I will pray  
Every time I feel the spirit  
Moving in my heart I will pray

Up on the mountain, when my God spoke  
All about was fire and smoke  
I looked around me, it looked so fine  
I asked my God if all was mine **(chorus X2)**

Oh, I have sorrow and I have woe  
And I have heartaches here below  
But while God leads me I'll never fear  
Because I know that love is near **(chorus X2)**

Oh, Jordan river is chilly and cold.  
It chills the body but not the soul.  
And if you get there before I do  
Reach out your hand and pull me through  
***(repeat chorus 2-3x)***

**If our evening service doesn't suit you, come and try either our 9:00am or 11:00am services.**

### **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:  
**www.MCCToronto.com**

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