

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



EASTER 5: 7:00pm

Welcome on May 10, 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 ❖

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, God;

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see you

I want to see you; **(2x)**

We feel your love, it lifts us up
Shining in the light of your glory;
Pour out your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, God;

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see you

I want to see you; **(2x)**

We feel your love, it lifts us up
Shining in the light of your glory;
Pour out your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy
I want to see you **(3x)**

We feel your love, it lifts us up
Shining in the light of your glory;
Pour out your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, God;
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you
I want to see you (**repeat**)

In the Secret

In the secret, in the quiet place
In the stillness you are there

In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait
Only for you 'Cause I want to know you more

I want to know you I want to hear your voice
I want to know you more

I want to know you I want to hear your voice
I want to know you more

I am reaching for your love and grace
healing water, earth and air,

Pressing onward
Pushing every hindrance aside o
Out of my way 'Cause I want to know you more

I want to know you I want to hear your voice
I want to know you more

I want to know you I want to hear your voice
I want to know you more

Draw Me Closer

Draw me close to you, never let me go.
I lay it all down again
to hear you say that I'm your friend.
You are my desire, no one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take your place
to feel the warmth of your embrace.
Help me find the way, bring me back to you.

You're all I want! You're all I've ever needed!
You're all I want, help me know you are here.

Draw us close to you
Knit our hearts as one
Our differences fade away
As we follow in your way
You have shown us how
We can change the world
And when we learn to live like you
We practise love in all we do
This, then, is our hope
Bring us close to you

You're all I want! You're all I've ever needed!
You're all I want, help me know you are here.

Opening Prayer

Alleluia, Praise to God

Alleluia, praise to God
Alleluia, praise to God
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God
Alleluia, praise to God (***repeat***)

Songs of joy sing out to God
Songs of joy sing out to God
Dancing and singing, we praise you, Oh God
Songs of joy sing out to God

Alleluia, praise to God
Alleluia, praise to God
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God
Alleluia, praise to God

Beat the drums, sing out to God
Beat the drums, sing out to God
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God
Beat the drums, sing out to God

Alleluia, praise to God
Alleluia, praise to God
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God
Alleluia, praise to God

Alleluia, praise to God
Alleluia, praise to God
Praises, high praises we bring you, Oh God
Alleluia, praise to God (***repeat last line***)

Lessons For Life

CompassionA Fresh Start!
Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes

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 audio files are available at www.MCCToronto.com.

Special Music

Fix 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, 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.

Special Music

Sadie

featuring Tony Green

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 A table is set-up at the back of the Sanctuary. 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.

Surely the Presence

Surely the presence

Of our God is in this place.

I can feel your mighty power

And your grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings.

I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence

Of our God is in this place.

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

Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises

Hallelujah, we sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness **(2x)**

Christ our guide, to us, said I am water, I am bread
I am water, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.

Hallelujah, we sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness **(2x)**

Now God sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt
strong in faith, free of doubt, to proclaim the joyful gospel.

Hallelujah, we sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness **(4x)**

Blessing

Closing Words

Closing Song ❖

Why So Downcast?

Why so downcast, O my soul,
put your hope in God,
Put your hope in God, put your hope in God,
O, why so downcast, O my soul,
put your hope in God
And bless our God, O my soul. **(repeat)**

Bless our God,
who's the lifter of my countenance,
Bless our God, who's the lifter of my soul,
Bless our God,
who's the lifter of my countenance,
I will never be afraid.

Why so downcast, O my soul,
put your hope in God,
Put your hope in God, put your hope in God,
O, why so downcast, O my soul,
put your hope in God
And bless our God, O my soul.

Bless our God,
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Bless our God, who's the lifter of my soul,
Bless our God,
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Why so downcast, O my soul,
put your hope in God,
Put your hope in God, put your hope in God,
O, why so downcast, O my soul,
put your hope in God
And bless our God, my soul. (***repeat***)

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:
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