

LARGE PRINT ORDER of SERVICE



PENTECOST: 7:00pm

Welcome on May 31, 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 ❖

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)

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 touch you I want to see your voice
I want to know you more

I am searching for your love and grace
For your joyful healing life,

Pressing onward
Pushing every hindrance aside
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 touch you I want to see your face
I want to know you more

The Power of Your Love

God, I come to you
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I've found in you
And God, I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of your love

(chorus)

Hold me close, let your love surround me
Bring me near, draw me to your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with you, your Spirit leads me on,
By the power of your love

God, unveil my eyes
Let me see you face to face
The knowledge of your love as you live in me
God, renew my mind
As your will unfolds in my life
In living every day by the power of your love
(repeat chorus twice)

And I will soar with you
Your Spirit leads me on
By the power of your love

Opening Prayer

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

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

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

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

Every day, it's you I live for
Every day, I'll follow after you
Every day, I'll walk with you, my God (repeat 2 times)

Lessons For Life

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 audio files are available at www.MCCToronto.com.

Special Music

I Will Lift My Eyes

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
Testify to Love

Community 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.

In Moments Like These

In moments like these I sing out a song

I sing out a love song to Jesus

And In moments like these I lift up my hands

I lift up my hands to my God

Singing, I love you, God

Singing, I love you, God

Singing, I love you, God

I love you

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Singing, I love you, God
I love you

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Singing, I love you, God
Singing, I love you, God
I love you

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.
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.
Holy, righteous, worthy are you, O God.

Sanctuary

God, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
And with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living
Sanctuary, God, for you.

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:
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