



Sunday, December 26, 2021  
11:00 AM

TIMOTHY EATON  
MEMORIAL  
CHURCH 

A Place for Life

# ORDER OF SERVICE

***Please turn off all electronic devices.  
This service is live streamed (a live video presentation)  
Congregational singing is NOT permitted at this time.  
Please remain seated throughout the service.***

## THE APPROACH

### **ORGAN PRELUDE**

"Nimrod" from Enigma Variations

*Edward Elgar  
Stephen Boda*

### **OPENING HYMN**

No. 217 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing:  
hallelujah, hallelujah!

Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
soft shining moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises, sing praises  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
sing praises, hallelujah!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
O lights of evening, find a voice:  
sing praises, sing praises,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Earth, ever fertile, day by day  
brings forth rich blessings on our way:  
sing praises, hallelujah!

The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,  
let them God's glory also show:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

And everyone of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part:  
sing praises, hallelujah!

All who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and yield up all your care:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: God has caused light to shine in our hearts, the light which is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 4:6)

**All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill toward all.**

Minister: Come into this time of worship and experience the wonder of God's ways. Kneel in awe before life newly born; for through this babe, Heaven and Earth are made new.

**All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill toward all.**

Choir Sing: Christ, to thee with God most blessed,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,  
and unwearied praises be,  
honour, glory, and dominion  
and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore.

(No. 61 v. 6)

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, from Heaven you reign in glory and majesty; and yet it was your will to come down to earth and dwell among us. Forgive us when we get so busy that we don't even see you walking right beside us; when we don't respond to your invitation into a deeper relationship with you; when we fail to hear your call to greater service to those around us. As we begin this New Year may we all be renewed by the power of your Holy Spirit in our commitment to follow you faithfully and serve you with passion.**

### **KYRIE**

Lord have mercy upon us;  
Christ have mercy upon us;  
Lord have mercy upon us.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## DOXOLOGY

No. 651 v. 1

Cwm Rhondda

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE WORD OF GOD

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"I Was Glad"

Parry

Sanctuary Choir

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord. For there is the seat of judgement, even the seat of the house of David. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek to do thee good.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

*Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.*

Romans 1:1-6

*Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,*

*through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.*

## **SERMON**

**“A Parting Word: Jesus Christ, Lord and Saviour”  
The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling**

## **THE RESPONSE**

### **ANTHEM**

“You Raise Me Up”

*Foster*

Sanctuary Choir

*When I am down, and, oh, my soul, so weary. When troubles come, and my heart burdened be. Then, I am still and wait here in the silence until you come and sit awhile with me. You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **THE LORD’S PRAYER** *SAY TOGETHER*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

*Please place your offering in one of the available receptacles as you leave.*

### **CLOSING HYMN**

“Days of Elijah”

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the word of the Lord, yeah  
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses  
Righteousness being restored

These are the days of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

*Chorus:*

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet's call  
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes*

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of Your servant, David  
Rebuilding the temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are all white in the world  
And we are the laborers that are in Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

*Chorus*

*Bridge: There's no God like Jehovah x 8*

*Chorus x 3*

## **BENEDICTION**

### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

"Toccata from Symphony No. 5"

*Charles-Marie Widor  
Stephen Boda*

## **CONTEMPORARY BAND**

Elaine Choi, piano; Noel Di Tosto, guitar; Sean King, bass,  
Chris Reesor, drums; David Michael Moote, Sara Reesor, vocals

CCLI: 2792602

## **IN MEMORIAM**

In memory of my dear mother, Ruth Lacey, a donation has been made to the Mission & Service Fund by Grace Goulding.

In memory of Jim and Evelyn Wright, a donation has been made to the Radio Fund by Virginia Wright.

In memory of Phyl Dodds, a valued and longstanding volunteer in the TEMC Volunteer Office, a donation has been made to the General Fund by Stephanie Charron.



## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 AT 11 AM**

The Rev. Lorraine Diaz preaching  
"A New Year's Revelation"  
from Matthew 2:1-12

### **IN HONOUR**

In honour of Katherine Salloum a donation has been made to the General Fund from Mark and Ellie Ambler, John, Jess, Lexi, Lynda, and Peter Salloum.

In celebration of the ministry of Reverend Dr. Andrew Stirling as our finest intellectual preacher of the Word, a donation has been made to the COTH Food Bank by John Campion and Jean Cumming.

In honour of Dr. Stirling's retirement and with deepest gratitude for his ministry, a donation has been made to the Centenary Fund by Elizabeth and Jim Greenshields.

In honour of Manchester United, an anonymous donation has been made to the Radio Fund.

In honour of Dr. Stirling and to express my deepest thanks for the years of his ministry at TEMC and for the many services he has performed for my family in times of celebration and sorrow. A donation has been made to the Mission & Service Fund by Arnold Massey.

With deep gratitude for the ministry of Dr. Andrew Stirling a donation has been made to the Centenary Fund by Joanne Leatch.

In honour of Dr. Andrew Stirling a donation has been made to the General Fund by the Strathcona Group.

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## SAVE THE DATE!

We will be holding congregational Town Hall meetings in January for the following purposes:

- To inform the congregation of the possibility of having another United Church congregation join ours in the coming months;
- To update the congregation on the progress of the ministerial Search Committee.

You can attend a Town Hall meeting on Monday, January 24 at 7PM on Zoom OR on Sunday, January 30 at 12 noon in person in the TEMC sanctuary. You must register to attend, and you can do so at [temc.ca/townhall](http://temc.ca/townhall)

## ALPHA (ONLINE) FEBRUARY 2 FROM 7-8:30PM.

Do you know someone new to Christianity or asking questions about Jesus, maybe someone who hasn't been to church in a while, or just someone who needs some good Christian fellowship? Alpha provides people with an open and honest space to discuss and explore their faith and ask any questions among people just like them.

More information: [Alpha@temc.ca](mailto:Alpha@temc.ca) or [temc.ca/alpha](http://temc.ca/alpha)