

Sunday, December 27, 2020 11:00 AM



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"The First Nowell" arr. Smith
Stephen Boda, organ

Greensleeves

OPENING HYMN

No. 74 "What Child Is This"
What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

[Refrain:]

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. [Refrain]

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, one and all, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. [Refrain]

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: 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.

One: 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.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Mary Did You Know"

arr Pentatonix

Choir School, Chamber Choir, Clare Bassett, dancer

Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water? Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? This Child that you delivered, will soon deliver you. Mary did you know that your baby boy would give sight to the blind man? Mary did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand? Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod, and when you kiss your little baby, you've kissed the face of God? Oh Mary did you know? The blind will see. The deaf will hear. The dead will live again. The lame will leap. The dumb will speak. The praises of the Lamb. Oh Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations? Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb? And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I Am?

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:6-7

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Luke 2:15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he

was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

SERMON

"What's in a Name?" The Rev. Lorraine Diaz

THE RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"For Unto Us A Child Is Born" from Messiah

Handel Sanctuary Choir

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

CLOSING HYMN

"What A Beautiful Name"

Olivia LaPointe, Graysen LaPointe, Andy LaPointe

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1: What a beautiful Name it is. What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

Chorus 2: What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a wonderful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3: What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

arr. Smith Stephen Boda, organ



READING WITH REV. LORI THE LONDON RESTORATION BY RACHEL MCMILLAN

Celebrate Valentine's Day with an Historical Romance! Diana Foyle and Brent Somerville married in London as the bombs of World War II dropped on their beloved city. Without time for a honeymoon, the couple spent the next four years apart.

Diana, an architectural historian, took a top-secret intelligence post at Bletchley Park. Brent, a professor of theology at King's College, believed his wife was working for the Foreign Office as a translator when he was injured in an attack on the European front.

Now that the war is over, the Somervilles' long-anticipated reunion is strained by everything they cannot speak of.

Author Rachel McMillan is part of the TEMC congregation and will be with us for this discussion! Join us Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Please register to be notified when the location is confirmed: https://temc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/633377

PASTORAL CARE CONVERSATION

These are difficult days that are filled for many with the stresses and strains of the unknown. Some have found a confidential personal conversation about what is happening around them and in them helpful. Please feel free to call Rev. Chris Miller at 416-925-8494, ext. 247 or email him at chrismiller@temc.ca. He would be very glad to talk with you.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Douglas Moshoian a donation has been made to Minister's Discretionary Fund by Michael McKeown.

In memory of Dr. David Ouchterlony a donation has been made to the Choir School by Mary and Tom Ouchterlony.

In memory of my friend Lillias Allward and in honour of her many years of service to TEMC, a donation has been made to the General Fund for Pastoral Care by Marion E. Snyder.

In memory of Beverly Ashton donations have been made to the General Fund by the volunteers in the Volunteer Office and Sally Beattie, and to the Radio Fund by Phyl Dodds.

In memory of Milton Hess a donation has been made to the General Fund by Jeff Hess.

In loving memory of Norma Bourne a donation has been made to the General Fund by Joshua, Lisa and Michael Bourne.

IN HONOUR

In honour of both of our mothers, Billie Wilder in Toronto and Anna Penner in Manitoba, a donation has been made to the General Fund by Andrew and Lori Wilder.

In honour of J. Michael Rolland a donation has been made to the General Fund by his niece, Charlotte Freeman.

In honour of Ruth Lacey a donation has been made to the Mission & Service Fund by Grace Goulding.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study Group. Next study: TIMELESS TIDINGS, by Rev. John White BEGINS TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 2021

"Timeless Tidings" tells the story of the Christian faith from New Testament to modern times. We meet in fellowship and faith to learn and grow in what it means to be God's people, in our own lives and for God's world today.

We Meet Tuesdays at 1:30 pm. Join us on Zoom, in the comfort of your own home, even on winter days! Everyone Welcome. For more information, and to get the Zoom link, please contact Sue Musselman at suemusselman44@gmail.com or Rev Lorraine Diaz at 416-925-8494 ext 222 E-mail lorrainediaz@temc.ca.

BEQUESTS

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