



Lent II – Sunday, February 25, 2024  
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# 9:15 AM – ORDER OF SERVICE

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONGREGATIONAL SONG** *PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER*

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

*CCLI Song # 3350395*

**OPENING PRAYER** *PLEASE BE SEATED*

**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.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*"God be Merciful"*

*Adolphus Hailstork  
Chamber Choir*

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

**SONG OF GATHERING** *PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER*

*(We invite the children to come forward.)*

*"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"*

I'm forgiven  
Because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted  
You were condemned  
I'm alive and well  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died  
And rose again

*Chorus*

*Amazing love  
How can it be  
That You my King  
Would die for me  
Amazing love  
I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do I honor You*

You are my King  
You are my King  
Jesus You are my King  
Jesus You are my King  
CCLI Song # 2456623

## **CHILDREN'S TIME** PLEASE BE SEATED

### **INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE**

*(We invite the congregation to take a moment of reflection as the children leave for their classes.)*

### **SCRIPTURE**

Numbers 12:1-15

Lisa Brisebois

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*When there are prophets among you, I the Lord make myself known to them in visions; I speak to them in dreams.<sup>7</sup> Not so with my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house.<sup>8</sup> With him I speak face to face—clearly, not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the Lord.*

*"Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"<sup>9</sup> And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he departed.*

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## SERMON

### “Clearly, Not in Riddles” Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

### OFFERTORY SONG *CHOIR ONLY*

“Go Down Moses”

*arr. Bevell*

Chamber Choir

When Israel was in Egypt’s land; Let my people go. Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go. Go down, Moses way down in Egypt’s land, tell old Pharaoh to let my people go! The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go. To lead the children of Israel through, let my people go. Your foes shall not before you stand, let my people go. And you’ll possess fair Canaan’s land, let my people go. O let us all from bondage flee, let my people go! and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go. I do believe without a doubt Let my people go! That a Christian has the right to shout: Let my people go!

Poem by Rabbi Ruth Sohn

### CLOSING SONG *PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER*

“Mighty To Save”

Ev’ryone needs compassion  
Love that’s never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev’ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

*Chorus*

*Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev’rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

*CCLI Song # 4591782*

## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *INSTRUMENTAL*

"Mighty To Save"

### **CONTEMPORARY BAND**

Elaine Choi, piano; Noel Di Tosto, guitar;  
Sean King, bass; Chris Reesor, percussion;  
Dan Bevan-Baker, David Michael Moote, vocals

CCLI: 2792602

# 11:00 AM – ORDER OF SERVICE

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## THE APPROACH

### ORGAN PRELUDE

"Aria"

*Flor Peeters  
Stephen Boda*

### WELCOME

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

No. 112 "O God, How We Have Wandered"

*Lancashire*

### CALL TO WORSHIP *PLEASE REMAIN STANDING*

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips;

**All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Liturgist: O God, make speed to save us;

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us**

Liturgist: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF APPROACH *PLEASE BE SEATED*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *SAY TOGETHER*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we  
have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and  
we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy  
on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in  
your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### KYRIE *SING TOGETHER*

Lord have mercy upon us;

Christ have mercy upon us;

Lord have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## **DOXOLOGY** PLEASE STAND

No. 234 v. 1

Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise our God forever kind;  
whose great mercies still endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# THE WORD OF GOD

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

“Song of Miriam”

Hagenberg  
Sanctuary Choir

I stand at the sea and turn to face the desert stretching endless and still. My eyes are dazzled the sky brilliant blue Sunburnt sands unyielding white. My hands turn to dove wings. My arms reach for the sky and I want to sing the song rising inside me. My mouth open I stop. Where are the words? Where the melody? In a moment of panic my eyes go blind. Can I take a step without knowing a destination? Will I falter will I fall will the ground sink away from under me? The song still unformed—How can I sing? To take the first step—To sing a new song—Is to close one's eyes and dive into unknown waters, for a moment knowing nothing risking all—But then to discover the waters are friendly the ground is firm. And the song—the song rises again. Out of my mouth come words lifting the wind. And I hear for the first time the song that has been in my heart silent unknown even to me.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

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Marni Whitaker

*12 While they were at Hazeroth, Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had indeed married a Cushite woman),<sup>2</sup> and they said, “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?” And the Lord heard it.<sup>3</sup> Now the man Moses was very humble, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth.<sup>4</sup> Suddenly the Lord said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, “Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting.” So the three of them came out.<sup>5</sup> Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward.<sup>6</sup> And he said, “Hear my words:*

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**HYMN OF PREPARATION** PLEASE STAND

No. 116 "Giver of the Perfect Gift"

Song 13

**SERMON**

**"Clearly, Not in Riddles"**

**Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee**

## THE RESPONSE

**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**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

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*arr. Bevell*  
Chamber Choir

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**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING** PLEASE STAND

*Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING

No. 240 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

*Lauda Anima*

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL AMEN**

"Amen in D"

*Boda*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

"Solemn Procession"

*William Lloyd Webber  
Stephen Boda*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 – LENT III**

**9:15 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee Preaching:  
"Strange Fire"  
from Leviticus 10:1-7



**ST. DAVID'S DAY**

Friends I'm so proud of how much our new friends from Dewi Sant have added to our congregation's life. And we can all be proud to celebrate St. David's Day, March 1, as not only a national day of Wales

but a commemoration of the saint who brought the faith. Do you know that England hardly celebrates its own day—St. George's day? It takes a minority experience to treasure an identity, it seems. This merger has helped us all be more attentive to overlooked identities, and made me wonder, what other culture might we merge with, to enrich our life together?

***Please join us at coffee hour after the 9:15 service on March 3rd to celebrate our Welsh heritage and the diverse ways the Holy Spirit draws us to Jesus Christ.***



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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – 7 PM**

*This Year in Jerusalem* by Mordecai Richler  
Part memoir, part history, part political commentary – *This Year in Jerusalem* is a personal, passionate, and quirkily comic examination of the idea of Israel-as-homeland: for Jews, for Palestinians, and, not least, for the author himself.

**MONDAY, MARCH 25 – 7 PM**

*Jesus the Lord according to Paul the Apostle* by Gordon D. Fee – Representing the fruit of a lifetime of study, this work from a revered scholar provides a concise summary of Paul's teaching about Jesus. Over the years, Gordon Fee has written and taught extensively on Paul's understanding of the person of Christ. In this handy volume, he offers the results of his exegetical work in a form accessible to any interested reader of Scripture.

Rev. Lori will be hosting in TEMC's Lawson library. Join her to discuss, discern, debate, and delve deeper.

**MONDAY, APRIL 22 – 7 PM**

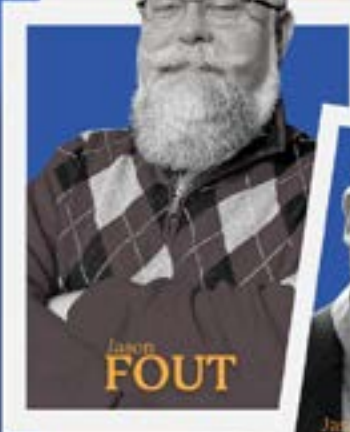
*A New Season* by Terry Fallis.  
A thoughtful exploration of aging, loss, family, friendship, and love, all with the author's trademark humour and heart.

Hosted by Rev. Jason  
with special guest, Terry Fallis


MARCH 17TH  
@ 4PM

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 17 AT 4:00 PM**

Soon after I published my book on growing churches in the north of England, a colleague named Jason Fout published another on growing churches in London. Our two books have often been paired together since we both delight in finding God at work in surprising places. Now he's coming to Toronto! He and I will present on our books together in our sanctuary at 4:00 PM on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. We'll have some other Anglican guests in the house with us (that's the other Jason's tribe), ask one another questions, field questions from y'all, and pray for renewal in other places where churches aren't supposed to grow. Rev. Jason

Have you checked out our blog? Visit us at [temc.ca/blog](http://temc.ca/blog) to see what's new.



## Festival of Flowers

We invite you to make a donation for flowers in memory or honour of a loved one. The flowers will grace the chancel during worship celebrations on Easter Sunday. Afterward, they will be delivered to our members in care settings. The recipients are extremely grateful for the thoughtfulness.

You can make your donation **online at [temc.ca/festival-flowers](http://temc.ca/festival-flowers)** or pick up a form in the narthex, complete and return it to the Finance Office **no later than Palm Sunday (March 24)**.

Your donation will be acknowledged in the Easter Memorial booklet printed for the Easter Sunday service and posted on our website.

***We suggest a donation of \$30.00/plant.***

**Please make cheques payable to: Timothy Eaton Memorial Church**  
(and in the memo line: Festival of Flowers)

### CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL FOOD BANK

The FEBRUARY Food of the Month donation is CANS OF BOOST OR ENSURE (MEAL REPLACEMENT). With rising food costs the food bank is serving record numbers of clients (approximately 1200 people per week). In order to ensure that the food bank can continue in future years we need the financial support of the community. Visit us at our website: [www.cothfoodbank.ca](http://www.cothfoodbank.ca) for more information or to donate. On behalf of the clients, volunteers at the COTH Food Bank, thank you for your support.



**TEMC 2024 FINE WINE AUCTION UPDATE.** So far, nearly \$40,000 worth of wines have been donated to the auction. Thank you! We continue to accept donations of wine from TEMC supporters, family and friends, with a focus on classed growth Bordeaux and Burgundy, Italian Super Tuscans, great California Cabernets, and outstanding wines from Spain, Portugal, and Australia, in multiples and large format sizes. Donated wines will be appraised by an expert, and donors will receive a 2024 tax receipt for the full appraised value. For any potential wine donations, please send pictures of the labels, taken on a smart phone, clearly showing the name of the producer, the wine type, vintage year, and volume, to Jaclyn Didiano, at [jaclyndidiano@temc.ca](mailto:jaclyndidiano@temc.ca), by March 28.

### **SHINING WATERS REGION ASKS US TO PRAY FOR**

St. Andrews' United Church, Markham  
St Paul's United Church, Orillia  
Taiwanese United Church, Toronto

Did you know? We are part of a larger church community across Ontario, specifically the Shining Waters Regional Council. There are many events happening throughout the year at different churches. Visit: [shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/events/](https://shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/events/) if you are interested in checking some out.

*Timothy Eaton Memorial Church is located on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples. We pray that the Holy Spirit will gather all people into one body of Christ.*

## CHURCH ON-THE-MOVE FEEDBACK

We've officially wrapped up our first instalment of Church On-the-Move! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Whether or not you attended, we would love your thoughts!

*(Answers remain anonymous unless you fill out the 'OPTIONAL' section below)*

Which Church On-the-Move did you attend?

- December 31 – Chancel
- January 14 – Atrium
- January 28 – West Chapel
- I did not attend Church On-the-Move

Please provide your thoughts on Church On-the-Move

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*(OPTIONAL) If you want to continue the conversation...*

Leave your name, email and/or phone number below and we'll get back to you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd prefer to fill out the form online please scan the QR code below.



***Please leave your feedback form in the bin provided in the narthex.***

## Worship Information:

- Nursery staff care for infants and children up to age four during the worship service. The nursery and Sunday School rooms are located on the third floor, off the northeast balcony. Classes are held for children from Junior Kindergarten through Grade 6 during the 9:15 service.
- Wheelchair access is through the northwest entrance. Large-print copies of the orders of service and assistive hearing devices are available upon request.
- The 11:00 a.m. service is live-streamed at [temc.ca/livestream](http://temc.ca/livestream) or [facebook.com/temctoronto](https://facebook.com/temctoronto) and audio broadcast on CHIN 1540 AM.
- Copies of recent sermons are available in the narthex, and online at [temc.ca/sermons](http://temc.ca/sermons).

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