



Sunday, January 28, 2024  
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TIMOTHY EATON  
MEMORIAL  
CHURCH



a place for life

# 9:15 AM – ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please turn off all electronic devices. Nursery care is available at both services.*

*You'll notice we're in our space in a different way this Sunday. One goal is to notice spaces of beauty in our church we don't often see. Another is to be willing to be slightly uncomfortable in our following of Jesus, since he keeps us on the move, stumbling after him.*

## PRELUDE

"Lean Back"

Jill & Stephen San Juan

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MINUTE MESSAGE

Songs of Love

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER

No. 642 "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou my heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

## 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

"Ubi Caritas"

*Duruflé*

Chamber Choir

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other  
with a sincere heart. Amen.

## SONG OF GATHERING PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER

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

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

*Chorus*

*Open the eyes of my heart Lord*

*Open the eyes of my heart*

*I want to see You*

*I want to see You*

To see You high and lifted 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*

*CCLI Song # 2298355*

## 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

Genesis 20:1-18

Pamela Ritchie

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## SERMON

**"Morally Superior Enemies"**

**Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*"Non nobis domine"*

*Rosephayne Powell  
Chamber Choir*

Psalms 115:1: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but to your name be the glory."

## CLOSING SONG PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER

*"Let There Be Peace On Earth"*

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father  
Brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me  
et this be the moment now  
With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me

*CCLI Song # 93690*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE INSTRUMENTAL

*"Let There Be Peace On Earth"*

## CONTEMPORARY BAND

Elaine Choi, piano; Stephen San Juan, guitar  
Jill San Juan, Dan Bevan-Baker, David Michael Moote, vocals  
CCLI: 2792602

# 11:00 AM – ORDER OF SERVICE

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These services are live streamed (a live video presentation)*

## THE APPROACH

### ORGAN PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

arr. David Maxwell  
Stephen Boda

### WELCOME

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN PLEASE STAND

No. 217 "All Creatures of Our God and King" vs. 1-4 *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

### CALL TO WORSHIP PLEASE REMAIN STANDING

Minister: Amidst the hustle and bustle of our lives, amidst the worries and the problems, God's voice calls out to us, calling us to come and set aside some time to spend in prayer and praise.

**All: We come to this sacred time and place to worship and to learn, to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live our lives in faithfulness and joy.**

Minister: Only God's voice can give us peace in the midst of the chaos, and calm in the midst of all storms.

**All: Come to us now, O God, and fill us with your peace, as we worship and pray together in this place.**

**All sing: 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!**

(No. 217 v. 5)

### PRAYER OF APPROACH PLEASE BE SEATED

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MINUTE MESSAGE

Songs of Love

# THE WORD OF GOD

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Ubi Caritas"

Gjeilo

Sanctuary Choir

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Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
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Amen.*

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#### **HYMN OF PREPARATION** PLEASE STAND

No. 288 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Faithfulness*

#### **SERMON**

**“Morally Superior Enemies”**

**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**

“Christ is Our Cornerstone”

*Rawsthorne  
Sanctuary Choir*

Christ is our cornerstone on him alone we build; with his true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled; on his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joy above. Here, gracious God do thou forever more draw nigh accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh in copious show’r on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour. O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring; our voices will we rise the Three in One to sing; and thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long that glorious name.

*(text from 9th century)*

## **COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS**

#### **WORDS OF INTRODUCTION**

#### **PRESENTATION OF STEPHEN MINISTERS & STEPHEN LEADERS**

#### **STEPHEN MINISTERS’ PROMISE**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE**

We ask you, members of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, to open your hearts to the ministry of these people and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ.

If you are so willing, please respond:

**“With the help of God, we are.”**

We also ask you to accept their ministry when you need help, to allow these individuals to work with you in a confidential relationship, as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters.

If you are so willing, please respond:

**“With the help of God we are.”**

#### **PRAYER FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY**

#### **HYMN OF COMMISSIONING**

No. 509, v. 1 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

*Here I Am, Lord*

#### **THE ACT OF COMMISSIONING**

Harriet Francis-Chrons  
Frith McCurdy (in absentia)  
Joshua Bourne

#### **RE-DEDICATION OF STEPHEN MINISTERS AND LEADERS**

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING

No. 654 “All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded”

*Michael*

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **CHORAL AMEN**

No. 967

*Danish*

#### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

“Carillon-Sortie”

*Henri Mulet  
Stephen Boda*

**INFO SESSION: WALES PILGRIMAGE**  
**TODAY AT NOON IN THE LAWSON LIBRARY**

As many of you know, TEMC is proud to have recently amalgamated with Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. Wales has more than 1500 years of church history. But if you're like me, you're relatively unaware of that history. So, I've planned a pilgrimage to Wales, devoted to learning about Christ's work through the church in Wales, past and present. Wales inherited a unique strand of the Christian tradition called Celtic Christianity. We will explore all this and much more in our journey, and I hope you'll come! Dates are July 20 - August 3, 2024. I am so excited to lead you, in partnership with Dr. Iwan Russell-Jones of Cardiff (Research Professor at Regent College, Vancouver and Pastor Bronwyn Spilsbury (Director of Pilgrim Way Ministries.) Together we've planned a journey of deep history and living hope.

Contact Rev. Jason for more information.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

**9:15 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee preaching  
 "Bless Me Also, Father!"  
 from Genesis 27:1-41

Following the 11:00 AM service please join us in the auditorium for our annual Chilly Day Chili.

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

Margaret Bird  
 Mary Louise Dickson  
 Erlin Sills

**IN MEMORIAM**

In loving memory of a real champion, Mary Louise Dickson, a donation has been made to the General Fund by Peter and Lynda Salloum.

A donation was made by Lenore Bennett to the General Fund in memory of Emily Kozak, a well loved Sunday School teacher, who also gave many years of service in the library. A truly Christian lady loved by all.

In memory of Margaret Bird, a wonderful friend and long standing member of the Flora McCrea Group, a donation has been made to the General Fund by Mary Elin Mills.



**THE GREAT**  
**Chili**  
**COOK OFF**

*Sunday February 4*  
*at 12:00 noon*

**Join us at 12:00 noon**  
**in the Flora McCrea Auditorium**

**Vegetarian and beef options available**  
**Pay what you wish**

**TEMC Choir School performing**



**Friday**  
**February 9**  
 (doors open at 7:00 PM)

An immersive candlelit concert  
[temc.ca/songsoflove](http://temc.ca/songsoflove)





### **CHURCHES CARING FOR CREATION: AN IDEA EXCHANGE TIMOTHY EATON MEMORIAL CHURCH & A ROCHA ONTARIO**

What can churches do to care for creation? Many of us are asking this question. It's hard to know where to start. The list of environmental challenges is long, but increasingly faith communities are experimenting with new and exciting possibilities. If you would like to hear some of these stories, exchange ideas and discuss roadblocks, please join A Rocha and friends in midtown Toronto for a warm afternoon of conversation and encouragement.

The event takes place on Sunday, February 11 from 1:00 - 3:30 PM and is being hosted by Timothy Eaton Memorial Church (230 St. Clair Ave. W, Toronto). Registration is free at [arocha.ca/event/churches-caring-for-creation-toronto-on](http://arocha.ca/event/churches-caring-for-creation-toronto-on) so please join us and invite others who might be interested!

*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.*

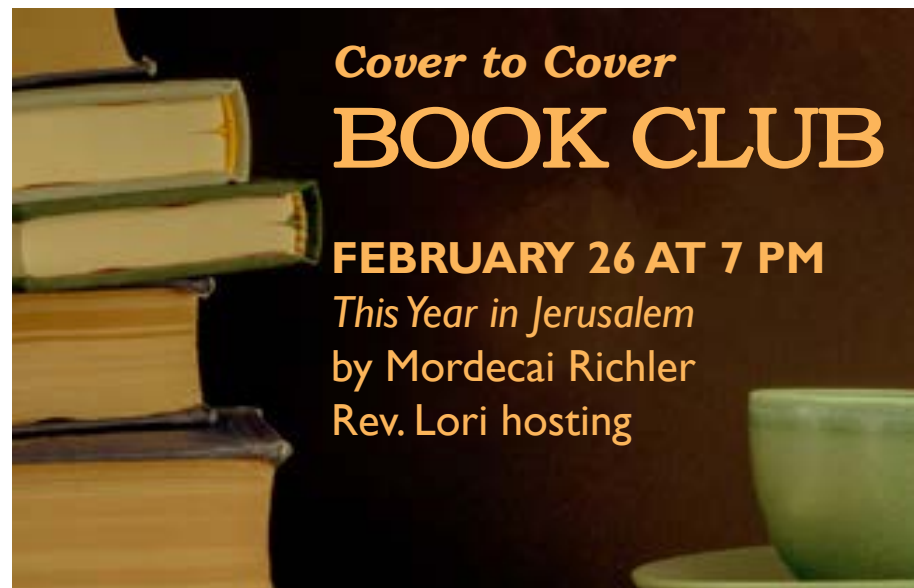
## **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 21!**



### **JOURNEY TO TURKEY AND GREECE MAY 21-JUNE 4, 2024**

In the Footsteps of Paul, The Early Church and The Seven Churches of the Book of Revelation. Led by Rev. Lori & Chris Diaz.

Interested? Contact Rev. Lori at ext. 222 or [lorrainediaz@temc.ca](mailto:lorrainediaz@temc.ca)



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](https://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)

## SHINING WATERS REGION ASKS US TO PRAY FOR

Hope United Church, Toronto  
Knox United Church, Agincourt  
Bala United Church

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.

## 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](https://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.





## 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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