

June 27, 2021 – 11:00 a.m. Canada Day



### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

"Chorale Prelude on 'Giver of the Perfect Gift'"

Healey Willan Stephen Boda

#### **OPENING HYMN**

No. 228 "Sing Praises to God"

Laudate Dominum

Sing praises to God! Sing praise in the height; rejoice in God's word, blest angels of light; high heavens, recalling by whom you were made, come, offer your worship in brightness arrayed.

Sing praises to God! Sing praise upon earth, in tuneful accord, you saints of new birth; praise God, who has brought you rich grace from above, and showered your life with abundance of love.

Sing praises to God! all things that give sound, each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, your glory tell out in deep tone, and trumpets, the story of what God has done.

Sing praises to God! Thanksgiving and song be ever outpoured, all ages along: for love in creation, for hope spread abroad, for grace of salvation, sing praises to God.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: We gather to celebrate our country of Canada and to give

thanks to God for all we have been given.

All: We seek to honour God in how we care for our nation and

for one another.

Minister: We gather to listen for God's voice, to praise our gracious God,

and to actively carry out God's will.

All: With God's help, we will strive to keep our land beautiful

and strong, and our hearts and minds tuned to our Lord

Jesus Christ.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

No. 524 "O Canada"

O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land! True patriot love in all of us command. With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North, strong and free! From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. God keep our land glorious and free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we live in a land of abundance. We have food, shelter and social safety nets, for which we are especially grateful this year. Yet with all this, we often complain about the things we think we don't have. We too often take these blessings for granted and forget to express our gratitude to you. Forgive us and help us to appreciate what we have, so that we may focus our attention on you, your will and your good news; and lead us to what you would have us do to make our country and this world a better place for all, through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### WELCOME

#### **ANTHEM**

"Memories of Joy"

Boda, Mason TEMC Choir School

The years have passed so swiftly, years of learning and years of dedication. A time to watch young minds unfold, a time to ponder on life's true meaning. Our minds have opened and become aware of all life's blessings, so near so far. This is a place of treasured friendship, this is a place of true discipleship, a place to learn and a place to thrive, under the watchful eyes of God.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Galatians 1:11-24

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my

people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

#### Acts 11: 19-30

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

#### **SERMON**

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling "The Personal Approach – the Gospel of Fellowship"

#### **ANTHEM**

"He Shall Feed His Flock" from Messiah

Handel

Olenka Slywynska, Stephen Boda

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd and He shall gather the lambs with his arm44, with his arm. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd and He shall gather the lambs with his arm, with his arm and carry them in his bosom. And gently lead those that are with young, and gently lead those, and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto Him aAll ye that labour. Come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden and He will give you rest. Come unto Him all ye that labour. Come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you and learn of Him for He is meek and lowly of heart and ye shall find rest, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

#### 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 ANNOUNCEMENT

#### CLOSING HYMN

No. 325 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help for ever, and its confidence alone.

To this temple where we call you, come, O Lord of Hosts, today; with your faithful loving-kindness hear your servants as they pray, and your fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Here bestow on all your servants what they ask of you to gain; what they gain from you for ever with the blessèd to retain, and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever three and ever one, one in mighty, and one in glory, while unending ages run.

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Grand Choeur"

Westminster Abbey

Théodore Salomé Stephen Boda

## NEXT WEEK: SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE WORD BEGINS SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021 – 11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

The Rev. Chris Miller preaching: "Keep Your Eye on the One Thing" from Luke 10:38-42

#### IN HONOUR

In honour of Barbara Ritchie, our Grandma and Mom's birthday, a donation has been made to the General Fund, xoxox Courtney Ritchie, Connor, Taylor and Heather Walton.

#### IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Cedric Ritchie, our Papa and Dad, a donation has been made to the General Fund, xoxox Courtney Ritchie, Connor, Taylor and Heather Walton.





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We are close to reaching our goal of \$140,000 in support of the church and its many programs! Every dollar gets us closer to our goal. To donate, please visit temc.ca/golf to "walk the virtual golf course" or mail a cheque to the church. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.



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