

November 22, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

"Adorn Yourself, O Dear Soul"

J.S. Bach Stephen Boda, organ

OPENING HYMN

No. 339 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Laudes Domini

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals, too, upraise their voice in hymns of praise: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all of humankind, in this their concord find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God the Father calls us to worship.

All: We worship the God who created the Universe.

Minister: Jesus calls us to come and follow Him.

All: We follow Jesus, our Lord and King.

Minister: The Holy Spirit calls us to trust in God with all our hearts.

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit who whispers God's love into

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our hearts.

Minister: Friends, let us worship God, in the name of the Father, the

Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our sovereign Lord: your power and might are evident in our world and in our lives in so many ways. You walked with Moses in power and you raised Jesus to rule over the earth; and yet our faith in you wavers. We doubt that you can do great things in our lives. We doubt that you care for us and our problems. We doubt that you will guide us and show us the way. Forgive us, we pray, and renew a deep faith in our hearts, that in every moment we might trust in you and your promise of faithfulness, for it is in the name of your faithful one that we pray. Amen.

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ANTHEM

"Veni Sancte Spiritus"

Mozart
TEMC Quintet

Come Holy Spirit: fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle your love in them. You have gathered the nations together in the unity of faith. Alleluia.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 4:1-13

Then Moses answered, "But suppose they do not believe me or listen to me, but say, 'The Lord did not appear to you." The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses drew back from it. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out your hand, and seize it by the tail" —so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand— "so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." He put his hand into his cloak; and when he took it out, his hand was leprous, as white as snow. Then God said, "Put your hand back into your cloak" —so he put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his body— "If they will not believe you or heed the first sign, they may believe the second sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or heed you, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else."

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling "Are You Kidding Me?"

ANTHEM

"Though I May Speak"

Hayes ... Olenka Slywynska

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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. 327 "All Praise to Thee"

Sine Nomine

All praise to thee, for thou. O King divine, didst yield the glory that of right was thine, that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine: hallelujah: hallelujah!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought; by thee the outcast and the poor were sought, and by thy death was God's salvation wrought: hallelujah:

Let this mind be in us which was in thee, who wast a servant that we might be free, humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluia!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou art high exalted o'er all creatures now, and given the name to which all knees shall bow: hallelujah: hallelujah! Let every tongue confess with one accord in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord; and God eternal be by all adored: hallelujah: hallelujah!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Festival Toccata"

Percy Fletcher Stephen Boda, organ

Please Note: The hymns and anthems were chosen from archival recordings.

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday, November 29, 2020 – Advent I

11:00 am Worship Service

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling preaching:

"Ready, Set, Go!"

from Text: Matthew 3:1-11

SUNDAY SCHOOL (VIRTUAL)

Every Sunday at 10:00 am. Contact nupurjames@temc.ca

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.

TEMC 2020 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

Copies of the 2020 Annual Report to the Congregation are available upon request. If you would like a copy, please email sonyaswainsbury@temc.ca

CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOOD BANK

The NOVEMBER Food of the Month donation is CANS OF BEANS AND SAUCE. Egg cartons are also needed at this time. Visit us at 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.



Nov. 25 & 26: Advent/Christmas Package Drop: To bring a little cheer to our Sunday School children. Please contact: nupurjames@temc.ca to participate.

Sunday Advent Services at 11:00 AM November 29, December 6, 13 & 20

Monday, December 7: 6:30-8:00 PM
A Webinar for Mental and Spiritual Health: Coping with Covid-19 at Christmas.

Thursday, December 10 at 7 PM - Carol Sing Details on how to register will follow.

December 13-24

A Carol a Day via our social media channels.

Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 PM A Service of Comfort and Hope

Saturday, December 19 at 4 PM: Yule Sing! Details on how to tune in will follow.

Thursday, December 24:

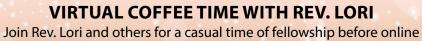
3:00 PM Christmas Eve Pageant 7:00 PM Worship Service

FYI: THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS VIRTUALLY

For your information, the annual cost of producing the livestream and radio broadcast is \$80,000. Anything you could do to help offset this expense would be appreciated.

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worship each Sunday during Advent at 10:00 am. Bring your coffee!

When you register you will be sent the Zoom link via email.

Register at: https://temc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/631066



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