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EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

November 22, 2009

A New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

The United Church of Canada

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

November 22, 2009 10:30 a.m.

ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

*The congregation is invited to join in responses which are **bold**.*

OPENING DOORS

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

GREETING *(The congregation stands as able.)*

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
who calls us to be the church
and to celebrate God's presence,
we gather in God's name.
Let us worship God!

HYMN Sing of the Lord's Goodness *Sands*



Sing of the Lord's good - ness, Mak - er of all wis - dom,
Pow - er he has wield - ed, hon - our is his gar - ment,
Cour - age in our dark - ness, com - fort in our sor - row,
Praise God with your sing - ing, praise him with the trum - pet,



come to him and bless his name. _____
ris - en from the snares of death. _____
Spi - rit of our God most high; _____
praise God with the lute and harp; _____

Participating in worship leadership this morning: Christine Gillespie (coordinating greeter); John McKellar, Kay McKellar, Bruce MacGowan, Barb MacGowan (greeters); Connie Capes-Leslie, Deborah Hart (liturgists); Gail Carson, Dorothy Carson, Duncan Crabtree (stewardship message); Laura Hyodo, Sheilagh McGlynn, Bob Paajanen, Bonnie Parsons, Doug Reid, Patti Thompson (children and youth blessing); Mark Ball (reader); Paul Wilson (preacher); Judi Healy (sound); Guido Basso, flugelhorn; Don Thompson, vibes; Dave Young, bass; Brian Barlow, drums; and Joe Sealy, piano; Peter Merrick and the Choir.

Our Guest Preacher this morning is The Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson, Professor of Homiletics, Emmanuel College, Toronto. He is an ordained minister in The United Church of Canada, as is his wife, Deanna Wilson, a minister with the former St. George's congregation. Paul also served in an honorary capacity in team ministry with Deanna for fourteen years.

The flowers this morning are in loving memory of Roberta Knight and given by Harry Knight and family.

Celebrate God's Presence during Advent and Christmas at Eglinton St. George's United Church

- November 29** 10:30 a.m. *Advent begins with Lessons and Carols, Communion and the Blessing of the Advent Wreath*
- December 6** 10:30 a.m. *Advent Gift Sunday
Please bring unwrapped gifts of Food, Fabric and Fun*
- December 13** 10:30 a.m. *Christmas Nativity Pageant
Blessing of the Tree
3:00 p.m. Sing-Along Messiah*
- December 20** 10:30 a.m. *Advent IV Communion Service
7:30 p.m. A Longest Night Service*
- December 24** 5:00 p.m. *Christmas in Story and Song for All Ages
8:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Choral Service
10:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Choral Service
11:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service - small and intimate in the South Studio*
- December 27** 10:30 a.m. *First Sunday after Christmas Service*
- January 3** 10:30 a.m. *Epiphany Communion Service*

ANTHEM Living in a Holy City

Stephen Hatfield

We come together to work so that face to face we can instruct our hands to build a house of grace, for every one of us here is a dwelling place, and we're assembled for a holy city. We come together to work so that hand in hand we raise our voices up to mark the place we stand. And every step that you take is a promised land when you are heading for a holy city. We come together to work so that voice to voice we can command the world: everyone rejoice! When the messenger dares you to make your choice, say you're preparing for a holy city. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OPENING DOORS

HYMN When the saints go marching in

New Orleans

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the band begins to play,
Oh, when the band begins to play,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the band begins to play.

Oh, when the sun begins to shine,
Oh, when the sun begins to shine,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the sun begins to shine.

Oh, when the people are set free,
Oh, when the people are set free,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the people are set free.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE



Mer - cy he has shown us, his love is for - ev - er,
Jes - us, God's Word spok - en, one bread he has brok - en,
So - lace for the wea - ry, par - don for the sin - ner,
praise him with the cym - bals, praise him with your danc - ing,



faith - ful to the end of days. Come then, all you na - tions,
new life he now gives to all.
Splen - dour of the liv - ing God.
praise God till the end of days:



sing of the Lord's good - ness, mel - o - dies of praise and



thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with your mu - sic,



hon - our him and bless his name.

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OPENING PRAYER

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray: *(The congregation remains standing.)*
God, on this Anniversary Sunday,
we have come to reflect on our church
and its place in our lives.
We have come to renew our commitment
to our church as a gift from you.

**May your Spirit lead us into the future,
as your presence has blessed us in the past.
Be with us in our worship.
Grant us wisdom and vision, we pray.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*(The congregation is invited to share the Peace with a neighbour;
it is suggested that, at this time, we refrain from shaking hands.)*

INTRODUCTION TO THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BLESSING OF THE WATER

The Water is presented and blessed.

BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

The Candles are lit and blessed.

BLESSING OF THE OIL

The Oil is presented and blessed.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

*The children (with their parents) and youth of the congregation come forward to be reminded of
God's Covenant with us and to receive the Blessing of Aaron (Numbers 6: 23-26):*

*May God bless you and keep you (a water blessing is received);
may God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you (a candle is received);
may God's face turn to you and give you peace (anointing with oil is received).*

PRAYER

HYMN He's got the whole world in his hands

Whole World

**He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

SERMON Letting Go and Letting God

HYMN 211 Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

OPENING HEARTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS OPENING STATEMENT

PRESENTATION

*Joan Weppeler
New Member Committee*

BY RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Valerie Helbronner
Gary Salewicz

STATEMENT OF FAITH - A NEW CREED *(Please refer to front cover of bulletin.)
(The congregation stands as able.)*

VOWS

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE

As God has called and received you, will you now pledge your friendship, support
and prayers to these new members of Eglinton St. George's United Church?
If so please respond:
We will, God being our helper.

INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME AND BLESSING

Hymn 588 Many are the lightbeams

Lagorna Är Manga

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND OUR WORK

God knows how we were made;
and remembers that we are dust. **R**

As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

**But the steadfast love of God
is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who revere God,
and God's righteousness to their children's children,
to those who keep the covenant
and remember to do God's commandments.**

God has established a throne in the heavens,
and the kingdom of God rules over all.
Bless the Creator, O you angels,
you mighty ones who do God's bidding,
obedient to God's spoken word.

**Bless the Creator, all you hosts,
you ministers that do God's will.
Bless the Creator, all creation,
in all places of God's realm.
Bless the Creator, O my soul. **R****

GOSPEL John 18: 33-37

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM Ride the Chariot

Spiritual, arr. William Henry Smith

*I'm gonna ride the chariot in the morning, Lord; I'm gettin' ready for the judgement day, my Lord.
Are you ready, my brother? Are you ready for the journey? Do you want to see Jesus? Are you
ready, my sister? Are you ready for the journey? Do you want to see Jesus? Oh, yes, I'm waitin' for
the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go. I never can forget that day! (Ride in the chariot to see my Lord.)
When all my sins were taken away. (Ride in the chariot to see my Lord.) My feet were snatched
from miry clay. I'll serve my Lord till judgement day.*

**She's got the sun and the rain in her hands,
She's got the moon and the stars in her hands,
She's got the wind and the clouds in her hands,
She's got the whole world in her hands.**

**He's got you and me sister, in his hands, etc.
She's got you and me brother, in her hands, etc.
He's got the itty bitty baby, in his hands, etc.
She's got everybody here, in her hands, etc.**

(The children will go to Church School, the Youth to Youth Church.)

OPENING MINDS

FIRST READING Revelation 1: 4b-8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 103

Refrain **(R)**

Peter Merrick



God is mer - ci - ful and gra - - - cious. _____

God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
God will not always accuse, nor harbour anger forever.
God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is the steadfast love shown to those who revere God;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does God remove our transgressions from us.**

As a parent has compassion for a child,
so the Creator has compassion
for those who fear God.