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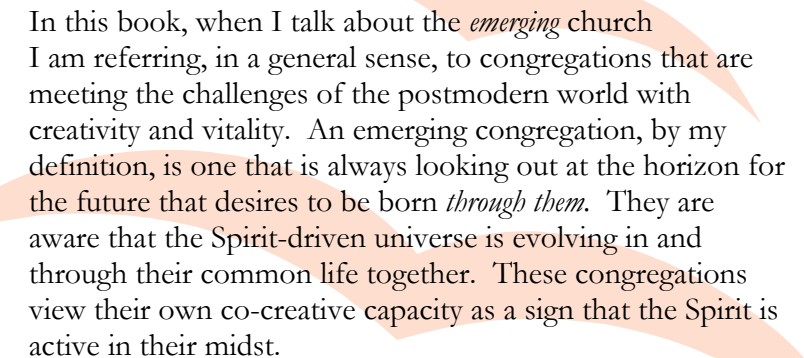
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In this book, when I talk about the *emerging* church I am referring, in a general sense, to congregations that are meeting the challenges of the postmodern world with creativity and vitality. An emerging congregation, by my definition, is one that is always looking out at the horizon for the future that desires to be born *through them*. They are aware that the Spirit-driven universe is evolving in and through their common life together. These congregations view their own co-creative capacity as a sign that the Spirit is active in their midst.

Bruce Sanguin

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

November 15, 2009 10:30 a.m.

THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

OPENING DOORS

PRELUDE Entrance and Intermezzo (*Petite Suite*) Gerald Bales

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

GREETING (*The congregation stands as able.*)

Friends, as a community of faith let us now
celebrate God's presence alive in our midst.

**May the weaving of word and song and centering silence
become for us a vessel for the love of God,
as we receive it through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Let us build a house



Let us build a house where ___ love can dwell and
Let us build a house where ___ pro - phets speak, and
Let us build a house where ___ love is found in
Let us build a house where ___ hands will reach be -
Let us build a house where ___ all are named, their



all can safe - ly ___ live, a ___ place where saints and
words are strong and ___ true, where all God's child - ren
wa - ter; wine and ___ wheat: a ___ ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and ___ stone to ___ heal and strength - en,
songs and vis - ions ___ heard and ___ loved and treas - ured,

Participating in worship leadership this morning: Christine Gillespie (coordinating greeter); Betty Heininger, Bruce MacGowan, Barbara MacGowan, Rose Pastuschok (greeters); Don Parsons and Deborah Hart (liturgists); Janet Hardy (reader); Jackie Stothers (stewardship message); Bruce Sanguin (preacher); George Leslie, Samantha Denham (sound); Peter Merrick and the Choir.

We welcome as **guest preacher, The Rev. Bruce Sanguin**, a minister of Canadian Memorial Church and Centre for Peace in Vancouver, British Columbia. Several of us have been enjoying Bruce's gifts all week through presentations, workshops and discussions related to two of his books: *Darwin, Divinity and the Dance of the Cosmos: An Ecological Christianity* and *The Emerging Church: A Model for Change and A Map for Renewal*. We also welcome Bruce's partner, Dr. Ann Evans, a marriage and family therapist.

The flowers this morning are given by Mary
in celebration of the lives of
her mother, Dr. Joan Thomson,
her father, Thomas Thomson, Q.C.,
and her brother Rev. Ian Thomson.

WORSHIP REMINDERS

November 22: **Eleventh Anniversary** Service Worship with Reception of New Members and an **All-Star list of Jazz performers**: Guido Basso, flugelhorn; Don Thompson, vibes; Dave Young, bass; Brian Barlow, drums; and Joe Sealy, piano. **Guest Preacher 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. Please join us for lunch after worship.

November 29: Advent I Lessons and Carols

GOSPEL Luke 13: 6-9
The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MOTET Yabban, Yamman *Rupert Lang*
Yabban, Yamman, timeless and loving Creator of all: your name is holy. We seek to do your will that your purpose may prevail. We ask you for the bread of life and for the power to forgive and be forgiven. For all your gifts and constant love, your holy name be blessed and praised now and forever. Amen. (Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer by Frances Sommerville. "Yabban, Yamman" is Aramaic for "Father, Mother.")

SERMON The New Deal for the Old Church

HYMN 643 Faith, while trees are still in blossom *Stuttgart (444)*

OPENING HEARTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER *p. 914*

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND OUR WORK

ANTHEM Down in the River to Pray *American trad.; arr. Philip Lawson*
As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way. Oh, sisters, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray. As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way and who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way. Oh, brothers, let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray. (Oh, fathers. . . . Oh, mothers. . . . Oh, sinners. . . .)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OPENING DOORS

HYMN 633 Bless now, O God, the journey *Thornbury*

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Finale (*Petite Suite*) *Gerald Bales*



child - ren — tell how — hearts learn — to for -
dare — to — seek to — dream God's — reign a -
ho - ly — ground where peace and — jus - tice
serve — and — teach, and — live the — Word they've
taught and — claimed as — words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vis - ions, rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
known. Here the out - cast and the strang - er bear the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall
sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the
vealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the
im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro-claim from



end di - vi - sions:
faith of Jes - us:
feast that frees us: All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
fear and dan - ger:
floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come in this place.

Words: Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen

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OPENING PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: *(The congregation remains standing.)*

You bid us welcome to this holy place, gracious God,
and we are very grateful.

**We bring with us this day delicious laughter and honest tears;
shards of grief, and life-giving joy.**

Remove from us all that gets in the way of worship that
is life-giving and holy, grace-filled and good.

**Weave into the fabric of this hour the gift of your Spirit,
that in our song and in our silence,
in our prayer and in our praise,
we may begin to recognize your presence among us,
in the Spirit of Jesus.** *(silent personal reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

RESPONSE Behold, I make all things new

Higher Voices

Be - hold, be - hold, I

Lower Voices

Be - hold, _____ be - hold, I

make all things new, be - gin-ning with you, and start-ing from to -

make all things new, be - gin-ning with you, and _____ start-ing from to -

day. Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my

day. Be - hold, _____ be - hold, I make all things new, my

prom-ise is true, for I am Christ the way.

prom-ise is true, for _____ I am Christ the way.

Music: John Bell

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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.)*

LEARNING TOGETHER TIME

HYMN 549 For all your goodness, God *For All Your Goodness*
(The children will go to Church School.)

OPENING MINDS

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43: 14-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.