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EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

Truth and Light

Truth is not something to make us feel superior.
On the contrary, it calls us into humility,
to littleness and to the light of love.
All the light in us comes from
the light of the Word of God.
The light of truth, then, is the gentle marriage
of what we see and experience,
with what we have received from above
and the Word of God,
each one enlightening the other,
each one calling us to live in God,
and to see things through the loving eyes
and loving heart of God.

Jean Vanier
Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John

The Sunday of the Transfiguration
February 18, 2007

OPEN DOORS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN HEARTS.



EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

35 Lytton Boulevard

Toronto, Ontario

Sunday, February 18, 2007, 10:30 a.m.

Our Mission

To build a growing community of faith with open doors, open minds and open hearts.

THE SUNDAY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

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

OPENING DOORS

PRELUDE Blessed Jesu, we are gathered *J.S. Bach*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING *(the congregation stands as able)*

Rejoice, people of God!

**We celebrate life within us
and Christ's transforming presence in our midst.**

Jesus went up the mountain and was changed.

Our eyes shall be opened!

The present will have new meaning

and the future will be bright with hope.

Come, people of faith and hope, to meet our God.

We come in worship and praise and anticipation!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 413 O splendour of God's glory bright *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

OPENING PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: *(the congregation may be seated)*

Loving God, shine your light in our hearts.

Help us to "see" with our whole being, not just with our eyes,

Lenten Opportunities 2007

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 21 7:00 p.m.

Adult Study Group

Wednesdays, beginning February 28

The Emerging Christian Way: Thoughts, Stories, & Wisdom for a Faith of Transformation, Michael Schwartztruber (editor)

Wednesdays 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. February 28 - March 28 Leader: Robert Oliphant

Christianity is changing. In recent years and in rapidly increasing numbers, people have begun to understand the core message and purpose of Christianity in a different way. They have returned to its ancient roots and found a wisdom that speaks to their experience of faith and God today. According to this emerging vision, Christianity is primarily about transformation -- about the transformation of the self through a living and dynamic experience of God, who is not separate from us but who is a part of us; and about the transformation of society. Contributors include: Marcus Borg, Matthew Fox, Tom Harpur, Thomas Berry, Bill Phipps, Anne Squire, Mark MacLean, Sallie McFague, and Don Grayston.

You are encouraged to read the book ahead. Copies will be for sale at the Welcome Desk for \$20. You may order it on your own as well. *Contact: Gail Brown: 416 488-0831*

Lenten Devotional Guide

“Singing a Song of Faith”, the United Church's Lenten daily devotional guide, is available from the church office at the cost of \$12.00 (exact amount please). Each day offers a scripture passage, a reflection, a hymn and a prayer. This would be perfect for use as a daily reflection on your own or with a group of friends.

Lenten Quiet Day

March 3, 2007

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Theme: “Winter into Spring”

Join Connie Capes-Leslie for a day away during the Lenten season. It will include guided meditation, silence, discussion, praying with scripture. A perfect way to explore the Lenten journey. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk by February 28. Bring a bag lunch—tea, coffee and juice will be provided.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Praeludium in G Minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

The flowers today have been given
in loving memory and celebration of the life of
John Harrison by Betty Harrison and their family.

Participating in leadership in today's service are: Connie Capes-Leslie (liturgist and learning time); Lenore Walters (reader); Deborah Hart (preacher); Peter Merrick and the Choir. Robert Oliphant is away this week.

Sundays in Lent 2007

All Things New

Sundays, beginning February 25

February 25 is the first Sunday of the Lenten season, our forty day period of preparation for Easter. This year's theme is **All Things New** and on February 25th we will launch Eglinton St. George's new look. After many months of planning and discerning our brand will be launched.

The sermon series, entitled **Genesis and Re-Genesis** will focus on the five foundational stories of the Old Testament, stories of God's revelation and covenant with the earth and with humanity: the Creation, the Flood, Abraham and Sarah, Moses on Mount Sinai and the anointing of David with God's promise of everlasting and unconditional care for all God's people.

Our worship space will truly live up to its name, Celebration Hall, as we worship in the round, celebrate God's presence in a variety of ways and are inspired weekly by various kinds of Jazz, including gospel, Dixieland and others. Together we will sing, learn, pray and prepare for our Easter celebrations. Performers for February 25: The Brian Barlow Quartet.

**and to know that you are always with us.
Help us to see your beauty in the people and world around us,
and to look for places where we can bring your love. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Eternal God, source of all light and life,
you call us out of darkness to live in the radiance of your love.
You show us the pathway of light, yet still we choose the shadows.
Through your Spirit you promise renewal, yet we remain the same.
Speak to us from beyond the clouds of doubt and fear.
Forgive us. Restore us. Dazzle us anew with your grace. *(silence is kept)*
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

GLORIA 37 *(sung once in unison then twice in a four-part round)*

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.)

LEARNING TOGETHER TIME

HYMN Lord, the light of your love is shining *Shine, Jesus, Shine*
(see insert)
The children leave for Church School activities.

OPENING MINDS

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Exodus 34:29-35
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 99 *page 819*

GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36
The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MOTET Christ, whose glory fills the skies *Keith Bissell (1912-1992)*
*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light; Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.*

SERMON Living in the Light

HYMN 82 A light is gleaming *Living in the Light*

OPENING HEARTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

OPENING STATEMENT

PRESENTATION *Susan Hall*
New Member Committee

BY TRANSFER

John Austin from Lawrence Park Community Church, Toronto, Ontario
Marjory Austin from Lawrence Park Community Church, Toronto, Ontario
Brad Hardie from Deer Park United Church, Toronto, Ontario
Karen Hardie from Deer Park United Church, Toronto, Ontario
Bonnie Joynt from Richmond Hill United Church, Richmond Hill, Ontario
Bryn Joynt from Richmond Hill United Church, Richmond Hill, Ontario
Roberta Knight from Oriole York Mills United Church, Toronto, Ontario
Donald McPhun from Lawrence Park Community Church, Toronto, Ontario
Nan McPhun from Lawrence Park Community Church, Toronto, Ontario
Carol Shaw from First St. Andrew's United Church, London, Ontario
Gerry Shaw from First St. Andrew's United Church, London, Ontario

BY RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Cathie Stewart

STATEMENT OF FAITH *(please stand as able)*

**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.

Thanks be to God.

(The congregation may be seated.)

VOWS

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE

As God has called and received you, do you now pledge your friendship, support and prayers to these new members of Eglinton St. George's United Church?

We are willing, God being our helper.

WELCOME AND BLESSING

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

ANTHEM *Cantique de Jean Racine* *Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*

O Word, co-equal of the Most High, our only hope, eternal Day of earth and heaven: we pierce the silence of the peaceful night. Divine Saviour, turn your eyes upon us; send upon us the fire of your powerful grace, that all Hell may flee at the sound of your voice. Disperse the languour of the slumbering soul, which leads it to forget your laws. O Christ, look with favour on your faithful people, gathered now to bless you. Receive the hymns that they offer to your immortal glory, and the gifts that they freely return to you. (Text: Jean Racine)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 104 We have come at Christ's own bidding

Abbot's Leigh