EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH
15 November 2020—24th Sunday after Pentecost

Intimate, informal, inclusive, and interactive worship at 10:30 a.m. on ZOOM

In our continued exile from our sanctuary, we find and share messages of comfort and hope, to renew our lives for living in these times.

Try it out early if you have not used Zoom before. Follow the instructions by clicking on the requests on your screen. Or join us by phone! Easy to do.

Click this link to join worship: **(Turn up the sound on your device!)**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83661502385?pwd=Mld1ckp6cVRiSWxvNzVCMGxYS2RxZz09

If asked for Meeting ID: 836 6150 2385 Password: 958258
To phone instead: 647-374-4685 & 647-558-0588 — Same passwords and ID

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Bryan Moyer Suderman

Welcome and Introduction of today's guest leader Grace Boogers

Land Acknowledgment Grace Boogers

We are on traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg peoples, most recent caretakers of this land occupied by First Nations for millennia. It is part of the Dish with One Spoon Treaty, an agreement between allied indigenous nations to peaceably share and care for resources around the Great Lakes. We are grateful for their stewardship.

Light a candle at home as your Christ Candle.

Call to Worship (Responses muted) Grace Boogers

On this November Sunday, we gather to pray and sing
In a pandemic land that still feels strange to us.
We feel like we are in exile. We ARE!
It's not the same singing muted at home,
Being on Zoom or on the phone,
When we would rather be with our church family in person.
In this time of story, song, and prayer, help us remember:
Worship is always about you, even in a strange place.
In that spirit, we join our hearts in hope and Holy Love.
Let's worship!

Opening Prayer Grace Boogers

Prayer before Scripture Grace Boogers

Lord, our ability to discern your voice through all the world's noise is sometimes difficult in this pandemic time. Help us to quiet our hearts and minds, opening them to your Spirit that we might hear the word you have for us this day. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Scripture Reading Grace Boogers

Psalm 137 (NSRV) Singing God's Song in a Strange Land

Sing Muted: (projected) **"By the Waters of Babylon"** Boney M video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmdTK3oeho4

Teaching Reflection When our Singing is Complicated Bryan Moyer Suderman

Invitation to the Offering: Rev. Harold Wells

Our financial gifts make possible the ministries of our faith community, which continue via internet, phone, and mail. Some people are on PAR, Pre-authorized Remittance from their bank accounts. For information on PAR, contact the church office. **Note:** The church's locked mailbox will be inaccessible for several weeks due to the foundation waterproofing and sidewalk construction for the Child Care Centre. During this time, please drop off donations to **Bob & Linda Moulton's mailbox, 377 Bluebird Court** (last court at southern end of Falcon Blvd). Someone is always home & will check mailbox frequently. Donations may also be made by PAR or E-Transfer from your bank account to: treasurer@eastplainsunitedchurch.com or on our church's website, https://www.eastplainsunitedchurch.com

Your gifts are making good things happen. Some folks phone people in our church and community and help in other ways. **Those are offerings, too!**

Thank you!

Offering Dedication Prayer Rev. Harold Wells

Prayers of the People Rev. Harold Wells

You are invited to type in prayer requests using Zoom chat.
If you wish to speak a prayer, please unmute yourself when invited to do so.

Prayer of Jesus (The Lord's Prayer)

Sing Muted: I Sing The Mighty Power of God VU #231 Isaac Watts

Blessing Rev. Harold Wells

The BEST PART: VIRTUAL CHAT TIME TOGETHER
We will open up the mics so you can talk with each other in small groups.

Acknowledgements: Our hymn use is with permission through our licence with CCLI.

Bryan Moyer Suderman is an itinerant singer/songwriter and Bible teacher who has spent over 25 years finding creative ways to engage all ages in the scriptural drama of God's love for the world. Bryan is known for his engaging and interactive style of speaking, teaching, and song-leading. He has been described as an Anabaptist Pete Seeger, with a gift for writing songs that are deeply scriptural, musically memorable, and readily singable—songs that are at once simple, catchy, profound.

From his early school years in Saskatchewan (singing Scripture in Ken Medema musicals directed by his mother) to his high school years in Bolivia (reading Walter Brueggemann and attending Bible studies and seminary classes taught by his father), Bryan has lived his life in the dynamic intersection between rigorous biblical scholarship, creative musical expression, and contextual ministry. Thank you to Bryan, Grace Boogers and Harold Wells for leading us today while Rev. Barb is participating in the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Celebration of Ministries service at Norval United Church in Georgetown.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are also invited to read the additional texts for today sometime during the week, as part of your personal devotions. These regular lectionary readings for this week are in the sequence of scripture we have been following this fall.

Judges 4:1–7 The judge Deborah speaks God's word to the general Barak.

Psalm 123 (VU p. 847) We lift our eyes to you, O God.

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 The day of God will come as a thief in the night.

Matthew 25:14–30 The parable of the talents. It may not be what you think! What if it is a parable about justice, not stewardship?

Might we help you in some way (deliver food, medication, etc.)? If so, please phone the church: 905-634-5562, **Line #2** or email: **office@eastplainsunitedchurch.com.**

Do you have a Prayer Request? please phone or email Rev. Barb.
She is available via cell: **416-540-8498** between 11 a.m. and 5 pm, Tues through Friday, **for non-emergencies (any time for crises) or email: revbarbarafullerton@gmail.com.**

YOU are invited to a Congregational Transition Event to be held this week on Zoom or via phone. This important event will help us **prepare** for deciding future directions of EPUC. This is part of an ongoing conversation, not a meeting to make decisions.

It will be offered three times for your convenience: Please plan to attend ONE event. (All three will be similar.) Mark your calendar for the date most convenient for you.

Tuesday	17 November at 7:30 pm to 9 pm
Wednesday	18 November at 7:30 pm to 9 pm
Thursday	19 November at 1:30 pm to 3 pm

Three questions, which you may want to think about in advance:

1) Who are we? **WHO** are we (as individuals)? Who **ARE** we? (What makes us who we are?) Who are **WE** (together, as EPUC)?
2) Who are our neighbours?
3) Who is God calling us to BE/become, given #1 and #2?

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