

# EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH

September 12, 2021—Creation Time 1  
in the Season of Pentecost

Informal, inclusive, interactive worship at 10:30 a.m. on ZOOM

**Click link for worship: (Turn up the sound on your device!)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83661502385?pwd=Mld1ckp6cVRiSWxvNzVCMGxYS2RrZz09>

**If asked for Meeting ID: 836 6150 2385 Password: 958258**

**To phone instead: 647-374-4685 & 647-558-0588**

## Land Acknowledgment

EPUC is on traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabeg, and Neutral peoples, which is part of the Upper Canada Treaties.

## Affirming Process

As a community of faith learning about the Affirming Ministry process, we seek to better understand and celebrate the diversity of God's creation. We are living into celebrating the richness of our community when we have diversity in age, ability, gender identity, racial/cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation, and family configurations. We seek to create a safe space with an open invitation to bring every aspect of your whole self into your participation within the East Plains United Church faith community.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome and Acknowledgments**

Rev. Barb

**Light your Christ Candle at home**

**Prelude** Morning has Broken, Gaelic Melody, arr. by S. Vacca

**Call to Worship (muted)**

Garth Smith

We are not our own, we are God's:

**neither our will nor our wisdom  
are to get in the way of God's hopes for us.**

We are not on our own, we are God's and God is with us:

**With God's help, we will not choose what is easiest  
or the most gratifying way to live.**

We are not our own, we are God's:

**let us choose to live for God, loving all of God's kin.**

We are not on our own, God is with us as we walk Jesus'

Way on the streets of God's world:

**Thanks be to God!**

Opening Prayer

Garth Smith

Sing (**Muted**): VU#272    Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

Prayer before Scripture (**Muted**)

Garth Smith

God of Jesus, as followers of “The Way,” may we experience anew what scripture has to teach us, that we may know you more deeply as we follow Jesus. Amen

Scripture Reading

Garth Smith

Proverbs 1: 20-33

The call of Wisdom

Psalms 18 VU #740-41

using Refrain 2 (Spoken)

James 3:1–12

Taming the Tongue

**Reflection**    Ancient Wisdom Still Calls    Rev. Barb with ALL

**On Zoom, we discuss today’s scripture readings together.**

Click on “Chat.” It will open at right so you can type.

**(IF you want to speak, please unmute yourself.)**

**The Gift of Music**

You Raise Me Up

by R. Lovland

Corey Arnold, Tenor

Members of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra

arr. by S. Vacca

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Your financial gifts enable the ministries of EPUC to carry out God's mission in our world. You can give various ways:

- Mail or drop off cheques to church mailbox.
- PAR (Pre-authorized monthly remittance)
- Online: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/48926> or <https://www.eastplainsunitedchurch.com>.
- E-Transfer, payable to “East Plains United Church,” to this email: [treasurer@eastplainsunitedchurch.com](mailto:treasurer@eastplainsunitedchurch.com).

*Your gifts make good things happen. Thank you!*

Offering Dedication Prayer

Rev. Barb

## Minute for Mission/Announcements

**Prayers of the People** Rev. Barb  
(Use the chat window or **unmute yourself** to offer prayers)

**Prayer of Jesus** Garth Smith

**Sing (Muted) MV# 10** Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

**Commissioning and Blessing** Rev. Barb

**VIRTUAL CHAT TIME TOGETHER: Please unmute and join!**

### Leaders in today's worship

Garth Smith, Reader Rachel Cleland-Morris, Song Leader  
Sabatino Vacca, Music Director  
Corey Arnold, Tenor  
Rev. Dr. Barbara Fullerton, Intentional Interim Minister

Acknowledgments: Our hymn use is with permission through our licence with CCLI. Call to Worship was adapted from liturgy by Thom M. Shuman, while Interim Pastor at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, OH, posted on *Midrash*, 10 September 2012, used with permission.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Condolences of the congregation go to Linda Kennedy  
on the death of her sister in Alberta.*

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Rev. Barb is available Tuesday – Friday, 11-4 for non-emergencies. Don't hesitate to call in a crisis. Contact information: [revbarbarafullerton@gmail.com](mailto:revbarbarafullerton@gmail.com) or 416.540.8498.

**Men's Coffee—Join the Zoom Meetings Mondays at 9 am:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85405381593?pwd=T3RuNkl4bm9jc0wrU3NmRzdhbFNmUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 0538 1593 Passcode: 737756  
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Same passwords and ID

**Wider Work Committee**—The East Plains Support Group has donated \$500 towards Wesley Urban Ministries' "Boxed Sunday Suppers" on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and we are asking for donations of cookies or squares (home-baked or purchased) which may be left in the prepared boxes on the covered porch of Inse and Bob Panabaker, 593 Deborah Cres (off lower King Rd, west side), by Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are taking the cookies to Hamilton on Sat, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Donations for Haiti**

The United Church of Canada is in contact with Mission & Service partners in Haiti to find out how we can support their communities. People in Haiti need emergency shelter, clean water, and food. Gifts can be made many ways:

**Online** via our [secure donation page \(opens in a new tab\)](#) or at [united-church.ca](http://united-church.ca).

**Phone** 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

**Send a cheque or money order to:**

The United Church of Canada  
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response  
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200  
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Or send a cheque, online donation or E-transfer to **East Plains United Church**.

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Haiti" in the memo line of your cheque or comments on an electronic payment.