

EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH

October 10, 2021—Thanksgiving Sunday

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=Mld1ckp6cVRiSWxvNzVCMGxYS2RzZz09>

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 Jesus Loves Me by W. B. Bradbury, arr. by S. Vacca

Call to Worship (muted)

Morgan Perigo

For the bounty of the harvest, for the colours of fall,

Thanks be to God!

For the miracle of bird migration,

for the ingenuity of hibernation,

Thanks be to God!

For the glories of the earth all around us,

Thanks be to God!

In a spirit of humility and thankfulness,

Let's worship God together today!

Opening Prayer (Muted)

Morgan Perigo

Oh God—hear the sound of one voice,
the sound of one person, calling out to you.

**hear the sound of one voice,
but the sound of many hearts,
beating together, in praise and life.**

Oh God—hear the sound of one voice,
and the sound of one people,
celebrating that we are your people!

Be our Love.

Be our Hope.

Be our Possibility!

Oh God, may we be all that you desire. Amen.

Sing (Muted): VU#218 We Praise You, O God

Prayer before Scripture (Muted)

Morgan Perigo

**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

Morgan Perigo

Joel 2: 21-24, 26-27a God will provide

Psalms 126—VU pg. 850 with spoken Refrain 2

Luke 17: 11-19

Reflection “Thanks Living” 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

Fairest Lord Jesus, Silesian Folk Melody

arr. by S. Vacca

Invitation to the Offering:

Your financial gifts enable the many ministries of EPUC to carry out our mission. We are incredibly grateful for all donations. People give in various ways:

- Mail or drop off cheques to church mailbox.
- PAR (Pre-authorized monthly remittance)
- Online via website's donation button: <https://www.eastplainsunitedchurch.com>.
- E-Transfer, payable to "East Plains United Church," email: 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

Morgan Perigo

Sing (**Muted**) VU#227 For the Fruit of All Creation

Commissioning and Blessing

Rev. Barb

VIRTUAL CHAT TIME TOGETHER: Please unmute and join!

Leaders in today's worship

Morgan Perigo, Reader

Kent Burnison, Technical Coordinator

Rachel Cleland-Morris, Song Leader

Sabatino Vacca, Music Director

Rev. Dr. Barbara Fullerton, Intentional Interim Minister

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Coffee—Join the Zoom Meetings Mondays at 9 am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85405381593?pwd=T3RuNkI4bm9jc0wrU3NmRzdhbFNmUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 0538 1593 Passcode: 737756

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Women's Bible Study—Tuesday mornings at 10:30 on Zoom 4 weeks: October 26, November 2, 9, 16.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87820866697?pwd=M2q1QjhIRUkwVkdWb2dWeFpyTlhBUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 2086 6697 Passcode: 310455

ATTENTION: YOU ARE INVITED!

Town Hall Meeting Tuesday October 19 7:00pm on Zoom.

Your A-Team is inviting all our church members and adherents to a virtual meeting on Tuesday October 19 at 7:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to allow for questions and to obtain input about our church becoming an Affirming Ministry. We will divide participants into break out groups like we do on Sunday and ask them to list the pros and cons of becoming an Affirming Ministry. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please leave your questions/input with one of our A-Team members or contact me personally (see below). It is very important that we hear from everyone, as this is a major step in the evolution of our church.

Yours truly,

Jim McMaster, chair A-Team

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Click to join Town Hall meeting on October 19:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81417289055?pwd=eEZFdIBsSUUpPQXdOVFVRc0FacDNwQT09>

Meeting ID: 814 1728 9055 Passcode: 442030

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(Same meeting ID and Passcode)

Special Thanksgiving Offering

The Wider Work Committee is hosting a fundraiser for The Agapé Group as a Thanksgiving offering. In preparation for when the church reopens, this will provide funds for this important Plains Road outreach ministry. Please mail or drop off cheques to EPUC marked for Agapé, or send your donation online or via E-transfer.

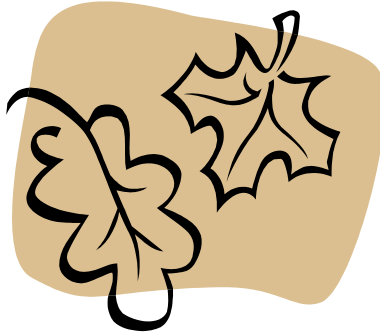
Wider Work Committee meeting on **Wed, Oct. 13 at 7 pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83179438144?pwd=aWdpZ0ZFcWt4NkMvREdIUct6d09kdz09>

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Rev. Barb continues to work from home for now, but is in the office on Friday afternoons and will be in Burlington for pre-arranged appointments and visits. Contact information: revbarbarafullerton@gmail.com or 416.540.8498.



Condolences of the congregation are extended to the family of Jill and Howard Nelson on the death of Jill's mother, Donna Morton, October 1st.