

# **EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH**

**November 21, 2021—Season of Creation**  
**Minister Emeritus: Rev. Harold Wells**

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

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

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**If asked for Meeting ID: 836 6150 2385 Password:  
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## **Land Acknowledgment**

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

### **Vision for Becoming Affirming**

As a community of faith on a path to becoming an Affirming Ministry, 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, economics, class, sexual orientation, and family configurations. We seek to create a brave space with an open invitation to bring every aspect of your whole self into your participation within the East Plains United Church faith community.

### **Articles of Faith for a Christianity for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millenium by Matthew Fox**

5. "All the names we give to God come from an understanding of ourselves." (Eckhart) Thus people who worship a punitive father are themselves punitive.

6. Theism (the idea that God is 'out there' or above and beyond the universe) is false. All things are in God and God is in all things (panentheism).

7. Everyone is born a mystic and a lover who experiences the unity of things and all are called to keep this mystic or lover of life alive.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Welcome, Lighting a Christ Candle at Home

**Prelude** "Gather Us In" by D. Hann arrg. by S. Vacca

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 148) Joyce Smith

One: Praise God from the heavens; give praise in the heights

**All: Praise God, sun and moon, give praise, stars and lights**

One: Let all things praise the holy One at whose command they were created

**All: Praise God from the earth, great sea creatures and ocean depths**

One: Lightning and hail, snow and frost, all mountains and hills,

**All: All fruit trees and cedars**

One: All wild animals and cattle, creatures winged and earth-bound

**All: Sovereigns who rule earth and its people**

One: Young men and women alike, old people and children together

**All: Let all things praise the name of God!**

**Opening Prayer** (Muted, in unison)

**Holy God, you call us together**

**to reflect on your Word,**

**and our life in your creation,**

**Be with us now**

**as we sing and pray together**

**that we may hear your voice,**

**and understand your way,**

**This we pray, through Jesus, the Christ.**

**Hymn VU #297 All Praise to You, O God of All Creation**

**Prayer before Scripture (Muted)**

Joyce Smith

Holy Spirit of God, open our minds and hearts now to hear your Word from the scriptures, and from the preaching, that we may be blessed, enlightened and challenged. In Christ we pray, Amen.

**Scripture Readings**

Joyce Smith

Joel 2: 21-25

Matthew 6: 25-34

**Sermon**

**Judgment, Warning, and Promise**

**Rev. Harold**

**Hymn: VU #405      New Every Morning**

**Discussion**

**The Gift of Music**

"Evening Prayer" from Hansel & Gretel  
by E. Humperdinck, Tonia Evans-Cianciulli, Soprano;  
Eugenia Dermentzis, Mezzo-Soprano

**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 button:**

<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. Harold

**Minute for Mission**

Callie Archer

**Prayers of the People**

(Use the chat window or **unmute yourself** to offer prayers)

**Prayer of Jesus**

**Hymn MV #30**

**It's a Song of Praise to the Maker**

**Benediction**

Rev. Harold

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

**Leaders in today's worship**

Joyce Smith, Reader

Kent Burnison, Technical Coordinator

Sabatino Vacca, Music Director

Rev. Dr. Harold Wells, Minister Emeritus

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

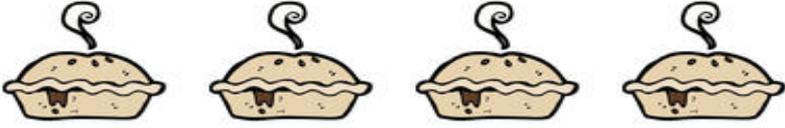
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**Articles of Faith for a Christianity for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millenium by Matthew Fox** were sent with the written sermon of Oct 31. A few are being reprinted in the bulletin each week to help us reflect on the learning we are doing to become an Affirming Community of Faith.



MEAT PIES—Next order date for fresh meat pies is Wed, Nov 24 for curbside pick-up. Please call or email Gayle Burnison (905-630-3525) [kgburnison@cogeco.ca](mailto:kgburnison@cogeco.ca) OR, for your frozen meat pies, you may arrange an alternate date. Payment due upon pick-up, at \$3.75 each.



**VISTA CARD ORDERS**—The final order for **VISTA** gift cards will be Fri, Nov. 26 with delivery Dec 2.

### **WESLEY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT & FOOD HAMPERS**

We are collecting new and almost new items, money and VISTA gift cards for Wesley. Popular gift cards are Tim Hortons, Shoppers, Walmart, Giant Tiger and Canadian Tire. Your cheques, payable to EPUC, may be dropped off at the church's locked mailbox. EPUC receives 3-4% if the Memo indicates: Wesley Christmas Gift Cards.

Non-perishable food, beauty & personal care, hygiene sets, diapers, etc. will be collected at the covered front porch of Inse and Bob Panabaker, 593 Deborah Crescent on Sat/Sun, Nov 27/28 and Sat/Sun, Dec 4/5.

**The need is great for these Christmas hampers!**



Mary Dilly, who has worked tirelessly in the past at Christmas time, will be helping Wellington Square United Church with their Christmas Eve boxed dinner program at

2121 Caroline St, Burlington. Contact Lisa Lunski:  
llunski@wsquare.ca