

**EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH**  
**13 September 2020—First Sunday in Season of Creation**

**Intimate, informal, inclusive, and interactive worship at 2 PM on ZOOM**  
*In our continued displacement from our sanctuary, we find and share  
messages of comfort and hope to renew our lives for living in these times.*

For morning folks who prefer traditional worship at the usual time, many options are available at various United Churches at this link: <https://arcg.is/1TaKqS>.

As a faith community in transition, exploring new ways of doing things, our pandemic committee and Official Board offer an innovative worship gathering on Zoom at 2 PM, The best part is being together, seeing each other's faces and hearing each other's voices in a "house church" atmosphere.

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**

Sabatino (Sam) Vacca

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgment**

**Light a candle at home as your Christ Candle.**

**Call to Worship (Responses in bold, muted please)**  
**(Excerpts of Psalm 148)**

Morgan Perigo

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,  
fire and rain, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command.

**Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!**

**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Monarchs of the earth and all peoples, politicians and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer**

Rev, Barb

**Sing Muted:** (projected) **VU 217** “**All Creatures of Our God and King**” vs. 1, 2, 5

**Prayer before Scripture**

Morgan Perigo

God of all Creation, we come to this time overwhelmed with distractions, occupied by worries and unsure of what to do next. And yet, we are here, yearning for a word from you, wanting a sense of your presence, seeking your wisdom for this time and place. Send your Spirit to focus our attention and hone our hearing in order that we might hear what you are saying to your church. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Morgan Perigo

**Exodus 14:19–31**

The sea parts for the Hebrews

**Matthew 18:21–35**

How many times must I forgive?

**Reflection**

Rev. Barb with ALL

**Click on Chat at bottom of your screen. Chat will open at right so you can type. (If you want to speak, please unmute yourself.)**

**Sing along, muted: “The Gift of Forgiveness”** 5 verses (projected)

Lyrics: Paul Chappel; Tune: Bunesan 10-9-10-9 (Morning Has Broken)

**You are also invited to read the additional texts for today sometime during the week, as part of your personal devotions:**

**Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21**

Miriam and Moses sing the Song of the Sea.

**Psalms 114**

Tremble, O earth.

**Romans 14:1–12**

Whether we live or die, we are God's.

**Gift of Music**

Claire de Lune by Debussy

piano solo by Sam Vacca

**Invitation to the Offering:** Summer is always a time that our giving is especially crucial. This pandemic summer, that is especially true, since we are not worshipping in person, to be able to bring our tithes as part of our worship.

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. Others are mailing or dropping off cheques in the church mailbox. If you do that, consider writing post-dated cheques for the next several months. If you prefer, Canada Helps is a way to donate easily online, at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/48926> or you may donate directly from our new website <https://www.eastplainsunitedchurch.com>.

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

**Offering Dedication Prayer (Pray together, muted please)**

Generous God, we know that we cannot possibly give you what you deserve. In your grace, you remind us that we need not, that we cannot, repay you for your mercy and goodness toward us, but that you accept and use whatever we offer in gratitude. Bless our gifts, given as a symbol of our love for you. Amen

**Minute for Mission**

**Prayers of the People:** 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 along:** (projected) **VU 586** "We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection"

**Blessing**

**The BEST PART: VIRTUAL CHAT TIME TOGETHER**

**We will open up the mics so you can talk with each other in small groups.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW WORSHIP TIME – Welcome back to our regular worship time of 10:30 a.m. Beginning in October, still on Zoom.**

**Aid for Lebanon**

If you wish to express your concern and compassion for the people of Beirut in this terrible time, you can still do so either through a donation through The United Church of Canada at this address: [www.united-church.ca/lebanon](http://www.united-church.ca/lebanon) or write a cheque to EPUC, with "Lebanon crisis" in the memo line.

**TIME CHANGE for Book Study in September:** You are invited to participate in a 4-week Discussion of ***White Fragility*** by Robin Diangelo.

We now meet on Tuesdays, September 15, 22, and 29 at **4 – 5:30 pm via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84053989176?pwd=Y1FDQTdadmVxN3poVjZBV0NUelQ4dz09>

Meeting ID: 840 5398 9176 Passcode: 592832

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](mailto:office@eastplainsunitedchurch.com).

### **Child Care Centre and Peart Hall Updates**

We will continue to provide more photos of the CCC area as renovations progress.

Peart Hall, Kitchen, and Hallways are sparkling with new paint on the ceilings and walls of the three areas, including all of the kitchen cabinets. With painting completed, the new floors will be cleaned and sealed.

**IMPERATIVE: NO ONE** except those involved with the construction are to be in the church until further notice. A few excepted individuals have special permission to enter with special masks. If you do not have special authorisation, please **DO NOT ENTER!** **This is for YOUR protection and to ensure that an accident would not delay progress.**

**Chair Yoga meets at 10 a.m. on Zoom on Weds. If interested, contact the church office with your name and contact information, so an invitation can be sent.**

### **Would you like to be part of a Prayer Group? Do you have a Prayer Request?**

To participate in the Prayer Group, please phone or email Rev. Barb.  
If you have a prayer request, please do the same.

Rev. Barb 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](mailto:revbarbarafullerton@gmail.com).

**The United Church of Canada offers Daily Prayer Resources for this Extraordinary Time:**  
[https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/daily\\_prayer\\_for\\_extraordinary\\_time.pdf](https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/daily_prayer_for_extraordinary_time.pdf)