

**EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH**  
**20 September 2020—Second Sunday of Creation Time**

**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](tel:647-374-4685) & [647-558-0588](tel:647-558-0588) — Same passwords and ID

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude** Sabatino (Sam) Vacca

**Welcome, Announcements, and Land Acknowledgment**

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

**Call to Worship (Responses in bold, muted please)** Callie Archer  
**(Paraphrased Excerpts of Psalm 104:24-34)**

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air will tell you.**  
Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

**Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;  
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.**

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you open your hand they are filled with good things.

**The hand of the Lord has done this.**

In God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

## Opening Prayer

Rev. Barb

**Sing Muted:** (projected) MV 135 “Called by Earth and Sky”

## Prayer before Scripture

Callie Archer

Lord, the days run together and our ability to discern your voice through all the world's noise grows difficult. Recognizing that you still speak, no less than to Moses or Miriam or Job, we open our hearts and minds to your Spirit that we might hear the word you have for us this day. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

## Scripture Reading

Callie Archer

**Exodus 16:2–15**

Manna

**Job 12:7–12**

Ask the animals!

## 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.)**

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

**Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 (VU pp. 828–829 Parts One and Four)**

Make known what God has done.

**Philippians 1:21–30**

For me, to live is Christ.

**Matthew 20:1–16**

Daily wages for the labourers; what's fair?

## Gift of Music

**Invitation to the Offering:** 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, you provide for us, giving us manna in the wilderness of COVID19, extending mercy and grace when we fail to follow Jesus. In response to such generosity, we offer our gifts for making your love of creation evident to those in need of knowing that you hear our cries and respond with compassion. Bless our gifts, including those given through PAR, to bless our community and our world. 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 421**      “**Lead on, O cloud of Presence”**

## 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 the remaining two weeks of discussion of **White Fragility** by Robin Diangelo, a rich discussion grounded in our lived experiences. You are welcome even if you have not read the book.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84053989176?pwd=Y1FDQTdacmVxN3poVjZBV0NUelQ4dz09>

Meeting ID: 840 5398 9176 Passcode: 592832

### 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. So exciting!

**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.**

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).

**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.

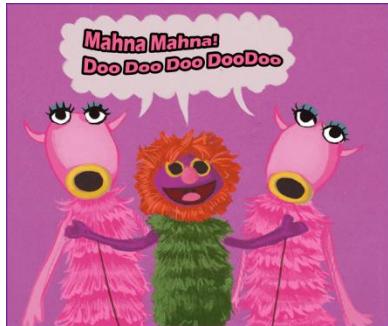
Rev. Barb is available via cell: **416-540-8498** between 11 a.m. and 5 pm,

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)



**For FUN:** Listen to the Muppets “Mahna Mahna,” a different pronunciation from what we usually hear for “manna.” Hope you don’t get an all-day “ear worm”!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8N\\_tupPBtWQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8N_tupPBtWQ)