

EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH
18 October 2020—20th Sunday after Pentecost

Intimate, informal, inclusive, and interactive worship at 10:30 a.m. on ZOOM
*In our continued exile from our sanctuary, we find and share messages of
comfort and hope, to renew our lives for living in these times.*

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, Announcements, and Land Acknowledgment

Light a candle at home as your Christ Candle.

Call to Worship (Responses muted) Josephine Braun

Hear, O people, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**Blessed be the name of God's glorious kin-dom
for ever and ever.**

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might.

These words shall be in our hearts.

And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and
you shall speak of them when you sit at home, and when
you walk along the way, and when you lie down and when
you rise up.

**We are to do this to remember and follow all God's commandments, and
to live in God's ways.**

Let's worship!

Opening Prayer

Rev. Barb

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

Prayer before Scripture

Josephine Braun

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, 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

Exodus 33:12–23

Matthew 22:15–22

Josephine Braun

God speaks to Moses face to face as a friend.

Give to God what is God's.

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.)

Rev. Barb's sermon "What is God's?" is sent as a separate document.

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

Psalm 99

God is a like a ruler who delights in justice.

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

We always give thanks to God for you.

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 mailing or drop 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)

Lord of all, we render to you that which is yours. We recognize that all we have, all the earth, every fiber of our being and every cell of creation is yours. We can do nothing apart from your presence and love. In thanksgiving and joy, we give to you our offerings, including those given through PAR. Bless and use them for sharing your love. In Christ's name we pray. 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 297 "All Praise to You" (Stewards of Earth)

Blessing

The BEST PART: VIRTUAL CHAT TIME TOGETHER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW WORSHIP TIME – Welcome back to our regular worship time of 10:30 a.m. Still on Zoom for the foreseeable future.

Della Riedel is so grateful for all the 100th birthday greetings and gifts she received! Thanks to all who helped make it a special day!

A Celebration of Life service will be held for Bill Lorimer on 31 October by invitation, due to COVID. There will be an opportunity for others to participate online. More information will be available soon. Our deep sympathy to and prayers for Gail and their family (Jennifer, Peter and Devon).

A Congregational Transition Event will be held during the week of 16 November on Zoom or via phone. It will be offered three times for your convenience:

Tuesday 17 November at 7:30 pm

Wednesday 18 November at 7:30 pm

Thursday 19 November at 1:30 pm

Please mark your calendar for whichever date is most convenient for you. The Zoom Link and phone numbers will be available at a later date. This will be an important event to prepare us for deciding future directions of EPUC. Please plan to attend ONE event.

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 or write a cheque to EPUC, with "Lebanon crisis" in the memo line.

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.

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.