

EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH
October 25, 2020—Reformation Sunday

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prepared by Rev. Harold Wells

Prelude

Sabatino (Sam) Vacca

Welcome, Announcements, and Land Acknowledgment

Light a candle at home as your Christ Candle.

Call to Worship (Responses muted) Grace Boogers

One: All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice

**All: Serve God with mirth, God's praise forth tell
Come all before God and rejoice**

Opening Prayer

Rev. Wells

**Sing Muted: VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,
Charles Wesley**

Prayer before Scripture

Spirit of God, bless us now, that the words of Scripture, and the words of preaching may become for us a living Word of truth for the living of our lives.

Scripture Reading

Grace Boogers

Romans 5: 1-5
Matthew 5: 38-48



Reflection Who Are We?

Rev. Wells

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. Wells' sermon "Who are We? Our Reformation and Methodist Heritage" is sent as a separate document.

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 fibre 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

Bob Panabaker

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)

Hymn VU 580 Faith of our Fathers

Benediction

The BEST PART: VIRTUAL CHAT TIME TOGETHER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Celebration of Life service will be held for Bill Lorimer on October 31 by invitation, due to COVID restrictions . There will be an opportunity for others to participate online. Please contact Smith's Funeral Home, Burlington (905-632-3333) **24 hours before the service** for the livestream link (for viewing live / post-service) or donation information.

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 p.m.,

Tues through Friday, for non-emergencies (**any time for crises**) or email:

revbarbarafullerton@gmail.com