

## EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH

November 22, 2020 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**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 10:30 AM. 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](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) or [647-558-0588](tel:647-558-0588) — Same passwords and ID.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prepared by Rev. Harold Wells

**Prelude**

Sabatino (Sam) Vacca

**Welcome**

**Land Acknowledgment**

We are on traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg peoples, most recent caretakers of this land occupied by First Nations for millennia. It is part of the Dish with One Spoon Treaty, an agreement between allied indigenous nations to peaceably share and care for resources around the Great Lakes. We are grateful for their stewardship.

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

**Call to Worship**

Callie Archer

**One:** Shout to God, all the earth!

**All: Worship with gladness and joy!**

**One:** Come before God with laughter,

**All: Our maker, to whom we belong.**

**One:** To the Shepherd who tends us like sheep

**All: Let us raise our voices in song!**

## Opening Prayer

**Sing muted** VU # 299 Teach me God to wonder

### Prayer before Scripture:

Callie Archer

Lord, our ability to discern your voice through all the world's noise is sometimes difficult in this pandemic time. Help us to quiet our hearts and minds, opening them to your Spirit that we might hear the word you have for us this day. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

**Scripture:** Daniel 7: 13-14; Matthew 25: 31-46

**Sermon:** Jesus: our Judge and our Hope

Rev. Harold

**Sing muted** VU # 574 Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

### Minute for Mission

Richard Townsend

**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>.

### Prayer of Dedication of the Offering

#### 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 muted** VU # 600 When I Needed a Neighbour

#### Benediction

#### Virtual Chat Time

## Announcements

### ADD YOUR VOICE:

Wider Work recommends the attached prepared letter, drafted by an Amnesty International coordinator, regarding vast human rights abuses in China against the Uyghur people. The letter goes to the Chinese ambassador in Ottawa (one stamp needed). Thank you for caring.



### WESLEY CHRISTMAS:

Because of COVID-19, Wesley will be packing Christmas gifts in hampers to go out to community organizations. Recipients will not come to pick up their own gifts. The need is great but a little different this year. Below is a list of suggested gifts organized by where they should be dropped off.

#### Drop off at, or mail to church:

- Cheques to EPUC, memo line "Wesley Christmas"
- Gift cards – favourites include Shoppers Drug Mart, Canadian Tire, and Giant Tiger

**Drop off other gift items:** in a box on the covered porch of Bob and Inse Panabaker (593 Deborah Crescent, Burlington, L7T 2N2 [just off King Rd] phone: 905-681-9234):

- New items that will fit in a hamper, such as socks, underwear, toiletries, cosmetics, games, etc.



**REMINDER: NO ONE** except those involved with the construction of the Child Care Centre is 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 authorization, please **DO NOT ENTER!** This is for **YOUR** protection and to ensure that an accident would not delay progress. Thank you.

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