



SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025 – 11:00 AM



TIMOTHY EATON  
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# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please turn off all electronic devices. Nursery care is available.  
These services are live streamed (a live video presentation)*

## THE APPROACH

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Brother James Air'

*Seale Wright  
Stephen Boda*

### WELCOME

### MINUTE MESSAGE

Summer Songbirds

Sheryl Clay-Newell

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

No. 220 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Lobe Den Herren*

### CALL TO WORSHIP *PLEASE REMAIN STANDING*

Minister: Let us praise the LORD!

**All: Hallelujah! The LORD God Almighty reigns!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

**All: God's mercy endures forever.**

Minister: Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? Who can declare all His praise?

**All: Blessed be the LORD our God, from everlasting to everlasting!**

Minister: And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!

**All Sing: Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation;  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!**

*(No. 216, v.1)*

### PRAYER OF APPROACH *PLEASE BE SEATED*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *SAY TOGETHER*

**Righteous God, we have sinned with our ancestors and committed iniquity. We have done wickedly, for we have not understood your wonders, neither have we remembered your mercies. We have for-**

**gotten your works, we have not waited for your counsel, and we have followed our own desires. We have tested you, because we have not believed your word, and we have joined ourselves to idols. Forgive us, O God, and save us for your name's sake, that you might make your mighty power known. Redeem us, in Christ our Lord, that we might believe your words and sing your praise. Amen.**

**KYRIE** *SING TOGETHER*

Lord have mercy upon us;  
Christ have mercy upon us;  
Lord have mercy upon us.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**DOXOLOGY** *PLEASE STAND*

No. 337 v.1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

*Refrain:*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**TESTIMONIAL**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

"Jesus at the Gay Bar"

*Beatch*  
Sanctuary Choir

He's here in the midst of it –  
right at the centre of the dance floor,  
robes hitched up to His knees  
to make it easy to spin.

At some point in the evening  
a boy will touch the hem of His robe  
and beg to be healed, beg to be  
anything other than this;

and He will reach His arms out,  
sweat-damp, and weary from dance.  
He'll cup this boy's face in His hand  
and say,

*my beautiful child  
there is nothing in this heart of yours  
that ever needs to be healed.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 2:11-23

Gundy Jackson

*<sup>11</sup> Then the Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals, <sup>12</sup> and they abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; they followed other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were all around them and bowed down to them, and they provoked the Lord to anger. <sup>13</sup> They abandoned the Lord and served Baal and the Astartes. <sup>14</sup> So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers who plundered them, and he sold them into the power of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. <sup>15</sup> Whenever they marched out, the hand of the Lord was against them to bring misfortune, as the Lord had warned them and sworn to them, and they were in great distress. <sup>16</sup> Then the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the power of those who plundered them. <sup>17</sup> Yet they did not listen even to their judges, for they lusted after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their ancestors had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the Lord; they did not follow their example. <sup>18</sup> Whenever the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge, and he delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge, for the Lord would be moved to pity by their groaning because of those who persecuted and oppressed them. <sup>19</sup> But whenever the judge died, they would relapse and behave worse than their ancestors, following other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They would not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways. <sup>20</sup> So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he said, "Because this nation has transgressed my covenant that I commanded their ancestors and have not obeyed my voice, <sup>21</sup> I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died." <sup>22</sup> In order to test Israel, whether or not they would take care to walk in the way of the Lord as their ancestors did, <sup>23</sup> the Lord had left those nations, not driving them out at once, and had not handed them over to Joshua.*

## HYMN OF PREPARATION PLEASE STAND

No. 315 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

arr. John Arndt

## SERMON

"Baals and Ashtoreths"  
Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

# THE RESPONSE

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *SAY TOGETHER*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE REMAIN STANDING*

No. 288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Faithfulness*

## RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL AMEN

No. 967

*Danish*

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fantasie on 'God of Grace'

*Paul Fey  
Stephen Boda*

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*If you would like to be mentioned in our pastoral prayer  
please contact Joanne Leatch.*

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

# **JESUS AT THE GAY BAR**

POEM: JAY HULME | COMPOSER: STUART BEATCH



*Stuart Beatch is a Canadian composer based in Edmonton. His vocal and choral works explore queer themes and contemporary issues, and are frequently performed across North America and Europe.*

**Note from the composer:** As a queer person of faith, the intersection between religion and sexuality has always been important to me. I first discovered Jay Hulme's poem circulating online following the November 2022 shooting in Colorado Springs—despite the grief and fear being felt by the queer community, Jay's beautiful expression of love and acceptance resonated with me in a profound way.

My setting of this poem begins with rhythmic dance music played by the piano, creating a kaleidoscope of bright and contradicting harmonies. As the piece progresses, the textures and harmonies become simpler and evoke music from the English cathedral tradition, repertoire that has defined my own musical development over the last decade. The music ends with a moment of peace, as if Heaven itself has opened to welcome queer people in.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025**

Members of TEMC, please join us in the Flora McCrea Auditorium following today's service, to receive and approve the recommendation for the appointment of the new Associate Minister.



**SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025 – 11:00 AM – CANADA DAY**

The Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee preaching:  
"The Ole Cloak and Dagger Routine"  
from Judges 3:12-30

TIMOTHY EATON MEMORIAL CHURCH

# COVER TO COVER BOOK CLUB

READ, DISCUSS & DISCOVER TOGETHER  
EVERY 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH!



Join us on **June 23 at 7 PM** to discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson.

*Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* is a wonderful look at the way overcoming prejudices of gender, race and religion can lead us to the most meaningful encounters of our lifetimes.

## CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL FOOD BANK

The JUNE Food of the Month donation is CANS OF SALMON (used in our babies program). With rising food costs the food bank is serving record numbers of clients (approximately 1200 people per week). In order to ensure that the food bank can continue in future years we need the financial support of the community.



Visit us at [cothfoodbank.ca](http://cothfoodbank.ca) to donate either on a one time or a pre-authorized monthly basis. Thank you for your support.

## IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Peter Gillin, a donation has been made to the Golf Tournament by Peter & Lynda Salloum.

*Timothy Eaton Memorial Church is located on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples. We pray that the Holy Spirit will gather all people into one body of Christ.*





In March 2025, TEMC's Chamber and Sanctuary Choirs partnered with the Good Shepherd Collective from New York for a special Lenten project. This collaboration brought together voices and talents from different communities to create a powerful expression of faith through music. The project resulted in a series of recordings capturing the spirit of Lent—reflection, sacrifice, and hope—through original compositions and arrangements. The experience left a lasting impression on all involved and continues to inspire worship. We invite you to watch the videos and join us on this journey of faith and creativity. Scan the QR code to watch:



## STEWARDSHIP

*TEMC has always felt like home to me. I enjoy our services, the wonderful music, the good company at coffee hour and the chance to volunteer in service to our community. Our pageant, our community dinners, our Art and Treasures sale and our food bank all open our doors to our congregation and our neighbours. —Nancy Naylor*

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Have you checked out our blog? Visit us at [temc.ca/blog](https://temc.ca/blog) to see what's new.



# Summer SONGBIRDS

**COME SING WITH US!**  
**THURSDAYS, 6:30-7:30 PM**  
**JULY 10 - SEPTEMBER 4**

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MUSIC!**

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ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME**

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## **BUSHCRAFT AND WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SKILLS**

This 5 week multi-module course will cover immediate skills to be used in any survival situation or as just a fascinating course to enjoy learning skills long lost in today's modern society. Open to youth and adults!

Modules covered:

- Lost person behaviour
- Fire making & ignition sources
- Building of shelters
- Water purification techniques and equipment
- Components of a survival kit
- Tools-safety and sharpening techniques
- Land navigation and
- Wilderness first-aid

Courses run every Wednesday from 6:00-8:30 PM. Start the course at any point. Cost: \$95.00

The Instructor Dean Copecoge is a survival, tracking and SERE Instructor. He is also Anishnawbe from the Williams Treaty Area and a Anishinaabe Traditional Knowledge Keeper and Pipe Carrier.

Register at [temc.ca/survival](https://temc.ca/survival)

## **PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID COURSE**

Psychological first aid is a crisis intervention tool. Our approach provides individuals the means to identify psychological distress in themselves and others, and valuable tools to effectively address it. Further, we focus on tools to be applied to one's wellness and self care addressing grief, anxiety and crisis. Our approach is interactive, with examples, video tutorials, and real world experiences. Courses run every Thursday from 6:00-8:30 PM for three weeks. Start dates available twice a month. Follow the link below to see upcoming start dates. Cost: \$95.00

The facilitator Dean Copecoge a certified Psychological First Aid instructor, an Anishnawbe Traditional Knowledge Keeper and Pipe Carrier. Register at [temc.ca/survival](https://temc.ca/survival)

# TEMC COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

We want to ensure we are communicating with you as effectively as possible. Please take a moment to fill out the survey and return it to one of the ushers at the end of the service.

THANK YOU.

1. How are you currently receiving TEMC weekly and special events news? (Circle as many as are appropriate.)

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| • Sanctuary Screens        | • YouTube       |
| • TEMC Weekly email        | • Word of mouth |
| • Website                  | • Other: _____  |

2. How else would you like to hear from us? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What topics are important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFO: \_\_\_\_\_

Want to fill out the form online? Scan the QR code below.



## Worship Information:

- Sunday School is held for children of all ages during the 9:15 service. The nursery and Sunday School rooms are located on the third floor, off the northeast balcony.
- Wheelchair access is through the northwest entrance.
- The 11:00 a.m. service is live-streamed at [temc.ca/livestream](http://temc.ca/livestream) or [facebook.com/temctoronto](https://facebook.com/temctoronto).
- Copies of recent sermons are available in the narthex or at [temc.ca/sermons](http://temc.ca/sermons).

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