

EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH



May 21, 2017
6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

...TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

**indicates where we stand in the service
(Feel free to remain seated if that helps you to worship better)*

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

(A time of greeting with signs and words of welcome and peace.
When you hear the music start, we invite you to re-gather in the pews
and prepare for worship.)

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

Choir Introit:

Lord, Lift Up Our Hearts by W. M. Harris

EPUC Choir



We extend a special welcome to you today.

We're glad you are here. If you have any questions,
please ask one of the ushers who handed you this
bulletin, or use the yellow/white envelope in the pew.

TO WORSHIP GOD...

Call to Worship:

Grace Boogers

Leader: We long for community and the Presence of God.

People: In whom we live and move and have our being.

Leader: This day Christ tells us that we will never be alone.
An Advocate will share our journey.

Leader: With whom we will live and create community and celebrate being.

Leader: May the ever present love of God be with you.

People: And may the joy of Christ surround you.

Leader: May we know the presence of the Advocate as we gather in this community of peace, continuing to share the cost of discipleship with deeds of bold mercy and courageous justice.

ALL: As an Easter People following a Risen Lord, may the life of Jesus live on in us and through us. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise: Joyful, Joyful**

VU #232

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer:

Rev. Alison

Still-speaking God, we have come here today for many reasons, each with our own story. May these reasons and stories be immersed in your Sacred Story, finding ourselves caught up in the drama and beauty of Jesus' teachings, life, and ministry. Through your Holy Spirit enable us to move boldly into the future and to fulfill the hope of love that Jesus taught, even as we pray the prayer he taught us saying,

Prayer of Confession:

Rev. Alison

Holy Advocate, it seems, at times, we forget that you know us at our very depth. We become anxious and afraid that you are not with us, and that our lives have lacked meaning and purpose. You have called us to great things, but we focus instead on what we lack, rather than on Whose we are. By your mercy, help us to live out the commandments of Christ beyond these walls, beyond this hour, and in so doing, may we become for the world the very presence of justice, hope and peace.

3.

Words of Assurance:

Rev. Alison

All of us have been created and called to be in community.
Know this, but more importantly, live this:

As God's children we are loved and equipped for great ministry.
Follow Jesus' commandment to love boldly as you are held in the
grace and love of God.

Celebration Hymn Come and Find the Quiet Centre

VU #374

Sharing our Celebrations

...PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles
Acts 17:22-31

Grace Boogers

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Special Music:

Deep in Our Hearts
by R. Klusmeier

EPUC Choir

Gospel:

John 14:15-21

Rev. Alison

For the Word of God in scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us

Thanks be to God

SERMON:

TO COMFORT

Rev. Alison

...GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Life and Work of East Plains
(Announcements, Minute Person(s), Mission Minutes)

Offering Invitation:

Today we call upon you as Children of God to share in the love and work of Jesus. We, as the gathered Church, the Body of Christ, continue in our day to witness and work on behalf of our Lord, returning our gifts, tithes and offerings.

4.

Offering Song: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me **VU #575, v.1**

Offertory Prayer: **Rev. Alison**

May these gifts, O God, become action and intention,
fulfilling Christ's commandment to love. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer **VU #960**

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME...

***Closing Hymn:** **God, Whose Almighty Word** **VU #313**
(Tune 314)

Blessing:

May God bless you and keep you,
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

Sung Amen

Musical Postlude

Assisting with today's service:

Welcoming Team	:	The Rose Petal Pink Team
Team Leader(s)	:	Linda Kennedy
Reader(s)	:	Grace Boogers
Screen & Sound	:	Bill Lorimer

*Please join us for cake and coffee after
today's service as we wish a
fond farewell to Marion Demone,
who is moving to Invermere, BC this week.*



Orders are due Sunday, May 28th. Order forms are in the Gathering Place along the wall. There are 57 retailers who are offering their gift cards with a percentage back to us. Lots of choices,

but most orders concentrate on grocery cards. Consider ordering cards to try out this fundraiser for EPUC. Our Rebate to date is \$878.15. We do need more supporters to help with our (sagging) bottom line. Please hand orders to Gayle Burnison (cheques payable to East Plains Support Group). Delivery is the following Sunday, unless earlier by alternate arrangement. If you cannot attend church on an order date, just call (905-632-3525) or email Gayle with your order. Payment can be worked out later.

Future Order Dates: May 28; June 11; July 2;
 August-none; September 3 & 17.

AFRICAN DROUGHT RELIEF APPEAL

We have learned that several African nations are experiencing severe drought and famine. The United Nations informs us that more than 20 million people are in danger of starvation, young children being the most vulnerable. The United Church of Canada is contributing to relief efforts from its Emergency Fund, through ACT (Action of the Churches Together) and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The money will be put into food supply, as well as medical and other practical assistance. If we are moved to compassion, we may contribute to this effort with our dollars. You may write a cheque to East Plains United Church, and mark it African Drought Relief, or make a donation on-line via the UCC website at **www.united-church.ca**.

GARDEN CENTRES POINTS PROGRAMS

Just a reminder that East Plains has an account at both Holland Park Gallery and Terra Greenhouses that allow you to donate points to the Church. The codes for both garden centres are:

Terra Daisy Club ~ 603907

Holland Park Galleries ~ 634-5562 (Church telephone number)

In the past, we were able to get grass seed, lawn soil and other supplies free-of-charge as a result of these programs.

EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

UPCOMING MINISTRY MEETINGS

Week of May 22, 2017:

Monday	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
	9:30 am	Building & Property	Tuck Library
Wednesday	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7
Sunday	1:30 pm	Refugee Committee	Campbell Room

Week of May 29, 2017:

Monday	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
Wednesday	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship ~ Confirmation	Sanctuary
	11:30 am	Confirmation Party	Pearl Hall

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN WESLEY'S CASE FOR KIDS WALK Sunday, June 4, 2017 ~ 1:00 p.m.



Wesley Urban Ministries is holding its **26th Annual Case for Kids Walk** at Bayfront Park, Hamilton. Help Wesley raise funds for its summer Youth Programs in Hamilton ~ 4,500 kids were helped in 2016. Join the walkers' team....

Rev. Alison, Linda Kennedy, Bill and Gail Lorimer and Harold Wells.

Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Place.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ 2017 July 31 to August 4, 2017 – 8:30 am to Noon Senior Kindergarten to Grade 6

To register and for additional information, please visit our website

www.eastplainsunitedchurch.com



EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH

Aldershot, Burlington, Ontario

Southern Ontario Lyric Opera

Join us for an evening of operatic arias &
sacred music

Wednesday June 7th at 7:00pm

375 Plains Rd. East, Burlington L7T 2C7

Featuring:

**Members of the SOLO chorus,
accompanied by
Maestro Sabatino Vacca**

Tickets \$30

**Available at the door
or by calling (905) 465-4013**

PRAYER CYCLE FOR THE CHURCHES IN HAMILTON CONFERENCE FOR THE COMING WEEK

As a Church, we have a ministry of intercessory prayer, a call to pray for each other and for the mission of the church in the world.

Please pray for...

St. Andrew's, Brantford (Erie Presbytery)

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Please pray for...

***Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar,
Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles***

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Hold Canadian Mining Companies Accountable For Human Rights Abuses Overseas

KAIROS Canada and international organizations are pressing for law reform. In the past, some Canadian mining companies have been associated with documented violations including kidnapping, illegal detention, torture, displacement, loss of livelihood, intimidation, threats and harassment. Approximately 60% of the world's mining companies are registered as Canadian.

**Canada has lax guidelines for overseas mining, which appeals to less ethical companies.
*We need actual laws!***

KAIROS Canada is a member of the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA). The CNCA, and others, are pressing for federal legislation to hold Canadian companies accountable when they are complicit in human rights or environmental violations overseas.

Specifically, the CNCA is calling on Canada to be a global leader in corporate accountability through the appointment of an independent human rights Ombudsperson for Canada's international extractive sector, and by facilitating access to Canadian courts for those who have been seriously harmed by those operations.

An effective and credible Ombudsperson office will also provide important, long-term benefits to Canadian extractive companies.

Please pick up a prepared letter to our federal government (no stamp needed!) or use this website to sign up online: www.cnca-rcrce.ca. Letters are available in the Gathering Place at the back of the Church.

WEEK OF MAY 22, 2017 AT EAST PLAINS

Mon, May 22 **VICTORIA DAY ~ OFFICE CLOSED**

	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
	8:45 am	Badminton	Pearl Hall
	6:30 pm	Brownies	Pearl Hall
	6:30 pm	Beavers	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Venturers	Choir Room
	7:30 pm	Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tues, May 23	8:45 am	Badminton	Pearl Hall
	6:00 pm	Sparks	Room 12
	7:00 pm	B.A.R.C. (Tech.)	Rooms 10/11
	7:00 pm	B.A.R.C. Mentoring	Room 9

Wed, May 24	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7
	6:30 pm	Girl Guides	Pearl Hall
	7:00 pm	AA (Glenhaven Group)	Fellowship Hall

Thurs, May 25	8:30 am	Badminton	Pearl Hall
	6:00 pm	Halton Condo. Corp.	Gathering Place
	6:30 pm	Cubs	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Trillium	Choir Room
	7:30 pm	N.A. (Steps to Freedom)	Rooms 10/11
	7:30 pm	Badminton	Pearl Hall

Fri, May 19 NO EVENTS BOOKED

Sat, May 20 NO EVENTS BOOKED

Sun, May 21	10:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	1:30 pm	Refugee Committee	Campbell Room



Stewardship is a respectful journey with fellow travellers, knowing we will never arrive at the way the world "should" be but that we all have much to contribute on the trek.

Welcome to East Plains United Church!

"At East Plains, we like to believe that strangers are friends we have yet to meet."



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"As a community in Christ, we celebrate God with us and all creation, and commit ourselves to sharing the work of the spirit with our families, our neighbours and our world."

~ Who Some of Us Are ~

Minister	:	Rev. Alison Nicholson
Chair of the Board	:	Jim McMaster
Music Director	:	Sabatino (Sam) Vacca
Church Custodian	:	Ken Pelletier
Church Administrator	:	Alyson Atkinson

SERVICES AVAILABLE



A nursery is available for your babies and toddlers. The nursery is located in the Christian Education wing of the Church. Please ask for assistance.



An elevator is available for your convenience, and can be accessed from the Plains Road parking lot.



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We would ask if you could avoid using any scents at Church, and thank you for helping others to worship better and breathe more easily.