

WELCOME TO YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

February 7, 2021
Black History Month



Morning Worship Service—February 7, 2021—11:00 am

(The congregation rises as the Ministers enter.)

*Congregation Stands

Preludes—Sexagésime

Andante con moto, Op. 57, no. 2

Dom Paul Benoit

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912) was born in London to an English mother and a father from Sierra Leone. He became a composition student of Stanford at the Royal Academy of Music, and was highly regarded as a composer, so much so that the orchestral musicians of New York referred to him as the 'African Mahler', both for his compositions and gifts as a conductor. The Andante con moto is from a collection entitled Six Sorrow Songs, and was transcribed for organ by A. E. Hull.

***Welcome**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Hymn 818—To God be the glory (*To God be The Glory*)**

1

*To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

2

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.*

3

*Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.*

***Call to Worship**

The Rev. John Torrance

Introit—Freedom is coming

Spiritual, arr. Dawn King

**Minster Singers
Dawn King, conductor**

Invocation

The Rev. John Torrance

The Lord's Prayer (*seated*)

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, forever and ever. Amen.

***Responsive Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: ***The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.***

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

People: ***He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.***

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

People: ***The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.***

Leader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

People: ***He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.***

Leader: He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

People: ***His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;***

Leader: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

People: ***Praise the LORD!***

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer with the Children
DOXA Band

Heather Mackey

Announcements

The Rev. Dale Rose

Window on the Church

The Honourable Jean Augustine OC

Holy Scripture—Acts 19:1-7

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Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dale Rose

Offering

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Anthem—Flocks in pastures green abiding

Johann Sebastian Bach

Flocks in pastures green abiding, safely with their Shepherd rest. Cooled by waters gently gliding, safely with their Shepherd rest. With the food of life He feeds them, to the fold He gently leads them, there to dwell forever blest.

*Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Sermon—I Still Believe in the Black Church

The Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III

***Hymn 679**—In Christ there is no east or west (*St. Peter 664*)

*In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.*

*Join hands, then, children of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*Benediction

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Postlude—Toccatà in D minor, BWV 565

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude.

Quartet

***Emily Lapin, soprano; Margaret Terry, mezzo soprano
Chris Edwards, tenor; Lutzen Riedstra, baritone***

February is **Black History Month** in Canada and we are grateful to **Ettie Dawkins** and our Black History Committee, of which she is the Chair, for their leadership in planning the celebration of this month here at Yorkminster Park.

We are delighted to welcome **The Honourable Dr. Jean Augustine P.C., C.M., O.Ont., C.B.E.** to our worship today. Jean had a remarkable impact on Canada as an educator, politician, and advocate for social justice and equality in the wider community and was the founder of Black History Month in Canada. Jean made history as the first Black Woman elected to Canada's Parliament, serving from 1993-2006. Her roles included Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister; Minister for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women; Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee; and Deputy Speaker. Her legislative successes include both the historic Black History Month Motion, and the Famous Five Motion honouring women's suffrage. She is a member of the Order of Canada and Commander of the Order of the British Empire; holds honorary doctorates from the universities of McGill, Toronto, York, Windsor, Waterloo, Guelph, and Trent.

We are honoured to welcome **the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III** to our pulpit this morning. Otis was an All American track star at Morehouse College when he heard the call of God to run the race of faith as a minister of the gospel. Following graduation from Yale Divinity School he served on a ministry team in Denver before being called to Tabernacle Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia. In his nine years there the church membership grew from 125 to 2100. In 2006 he was called to serve at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago where the Obama family worshipped prior to their move to Washington. Otis' father, Otis Moss Jr., was also a Baptist minister and close associate of both Martin Luther King Sr. and Martin Luther King Jr. Otis first preached at Yorkminster Park during the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship of 2019. He is a frequent conference and convention speaker. He is married with two children and is a lover of jazz and a fan of the Toronto Raptors as Wayne Embry of the Raptors is a lifelong family friend.

Youth Ministry Assistant—Job Posting

YPBC is looking for a part-time Youth Ministry Assistant to support the Director of Family Ministries to minister to Junior High (Grades 6-8) and Senior High (Grade 9-12) youth. This position is temporarily remote during COVID-19 and will be re-evaluated as circumstances change in the future regarding hours and responsibilities. The main elements of the youth ministry include building trusting relationships with the youth and helping to nurture their relationship with Jesus, Sunday morning worship and Bible study, youth nights, service projects, and annual winter retreats. For more information, check out our [website](#) and [job posting](#).

Calendar Cover

The Rev. Otis Moss III leading a workshop at the 2019 Lester Randall Preaching Festival.
Photo: Henry Regher

Financial Update

General Fund Revenue and Expenses

January 1st to December 31, 2020

	2020	2019
	YTD Actual	YTD Actual
Offerings excluding amounts for Missions*	\$ 1,191,255	\$ 1,178,930
Other Revenues (excluding Recoveries from Trust Funds)	<u>\$ 405,883</u>	<u>\$ 335,282</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 1,597,138	\$ 1,514,212
Expenses, excluding Missions disbursements*	<u>\$ 1,572,565</u>	<u>\$ 1,646,097</u>
General offerings and other revenues less general expenses	\$ 24,573	\$ (131,885)
Recoveries from trust funds	<u>\$ 81,667</u>	<u>\$ 79,789</u>
Operating deficit	<u>\$ 106,240</u>	<u>\$ (52,096)</u>
Mission Income and disbursements	\$ 152,843	\$ 155,968

Thank you for your generous support of Yorkminster Park and its ministries in 2020. Included in Other Revenues is \$241,313 received as COVID Salary Support (CEWS) from the Government of Canada. Offsetting this is the loss in Use of Facilities Revenues totaling \$173,567 due to church closings.

Our **Family Ministry Team** miss seeing your smiling faces! Even though our method may be different, our mission is the same! We strive to equip families to grow further in their faith development and help nurture their relationship with Christ.

Every Friday we email families the following **Virtual Ministry** opportunities:

- Family Ministry lesson plans
- Family Ministry Teaching Video
- Children’s Ministry (Lighthouse) Teaching Video
- Youth Ministry (DOXA) Teaching Video
- Praise Song(s) Worship Video
- Craft Videos
- Weekly Prayer
- Collage of children/youth artwork and pictures

If you are not signed up for our **Family Ministries email list**, you can do so [here](#).

We are also providing the following **Online Ministry** experiences:

- Youth Ministry (DOXA Bible Study) Zoom Sundays 11:30am-12:30pm
- Youth Group experience Zoom Tuesdays 7:30-8:30pm
- Family Ministry experience Zoom Tuesday 6:30-7:15pm

Please contact [Heather Mackey](#) for any questions, prayer requests and/or support at hmackey@yorkminsterpark.com and/or call her at 416 -922-1167 X249 and she will do her best to get back to you.

Thank you and God bless you Jackie



WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH...

Black History Month at YP

February is Black History Month in Canada and Yorkminster Park is pleased to be marking and celebrating the important contributions of people of African descent to both the life of our country and to the Kingdom of God. It is our prayer that we will grow in our appreciation of the rich breadth of our history and culture owing to the participation of the African-Canadian community.



Feet forward,
head turned backward,
the Sankofa bird reflects
on the past to build
a successful future.

ALL SERVICES & EVENTS ARE ONLINE:

► Sunday, February 7, 11:00am

- Window on the World and Scripture Reading
The Hon. Dr. Jean Augustine
- Musical Offering
the Doxa Band
- Guest Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III
Trinity United Church of Christ Chicago, IL

► Wednesday, February 11, 7:00pm

- Lecture
We've Come this Far by Faith
Dr Bryan E. Walls C.M. O. Ont. DDS
Founder of the John Freeman Walls Historic Site
and Underground Railroad Museum

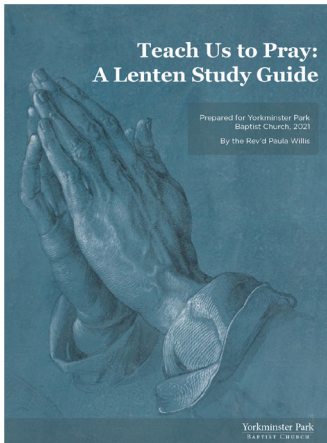
► Friday, February 19, 7:00pm

- Panel Discussion
*Paving the Way for Change:
Anti-Black Systemic Racism and the Church*
In partnership with YP Speakers Series

► Sunday, February 28, 11:00am

- Window on the World and Musical Offering
Measha Brueggergosman
International award-winning Canadian soprano

Learn more about our Black History Month Celebrations ►



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LENTEN LIFE GROUPS | 2021

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17. Our theme this year in Lent is **PRAYER** and all of our Lenten small groups will be following a study guide prepared by our own **Paula Willis**. Each week the groups will look at scripture, poetry, hymns and art as they reflect together on the spiritual discipline of prayer.

All of these weekly studies will be virtual and so there is no need to worry about the driving distance or finding a place to park. Find the time that works best for you and contact the leader and they will send you a link to join the group. **All are welcome.**

Book Price

Print:

\$10.00

ebook:

\$7.00

Day and Time	Group Name	Leader & contact info
SUNDAYS starting February 21		
1:00 p.m.	Full Life Group	Janet Kim
7:30 p.m.	New Life Group	Mary Han/Nikhil Celly
MONDAYS starting February 22		
11:30 a.m.	Women of the Word	Suzanne Wilkinson
5:30 p.m.	Lent Life 1	Rob Inman
TUESDAYS starting February 23		
10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Carol Belford
6:30 p.m.	Family Ministry	Heather Mackey
WEDNESDAYS starting February 17		
8:45 a.m.	Men's Morning Brew	Stuart Campbell
7:00 p.m.	Lent Life 2	Richard Doust
THURSDAYS starting February 18		
12:00 noon	Lent Life 3	Dina Gilbert
7:00 p.m.	Lent Life 4	Peter Holmes
7:30 p.m.	Lent Life 5	Dale Rose
8:00 p.m.	Bay St. Life 2.0	Mary Han/Nikhil Celly
FRIDAYS starting February 19		
7:00 p.m.	Bay St. Life Group	Mary Han/Nikhil Celly



COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK

Saturday, February 20, 2:00p.m.

Life in the streets of our city is especially hard during this Covid-19 Winter.

Join Team Yorkminster Park and walk virtually or in person as we seek to raise support for the Yonge Street Mission's important work with the homeless through the annual Coldest Night of the Year walk.

Our in-person walk will start in the parking lot of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, where we will be greeted by our inspiring honorary captain, **John Fenton**. Wear a mask as social distancing and other pandemic protocols will be followed.

Alternatively, walk on your own as a member team at a time and location most convenient for you.



To register for our team ▶ | To support our team ▶

February 5, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Business Meeting will be held in via Zoom and telephone on **Monday, February 22nd, 2021 at 7:00pm**.

Copies of the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Special Business Meeting are available in a digital copy on our website. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the Church office.

Take note that the 2020 Annual Report as well as the 2021 Budget Narrative will be presented. A digital copy of both reports are available on our website. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the Church office.

The 2019 Financial statements will also be available. Please contact the church office for a copy.

The Board of Finance and Administration and The Board of Deacons will ask the members:

- I. To accept the Audited Consolidated Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 2019 as prepared by Grant Thornton, Chartered Professional Accountants.**
- II. To authorize and direct the Trustees to disburse from the Endowment Fund an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the capital projects that were approved by the Board of Finance and Administration as set out in the 2020 Capital Repairs Budget.**
- III. To approve the 2021 General Fund (including Mission revenues and expenses) Budget with an Operation deficit of \$37,953.**
- IV. To authorize and direct the Trustees to disburse from the Endowment Fund an amount not to exceed the cumulative amount of \$43,000 for the Social Media, Online Planning, Hardware & Website Rebuild Initiative.**
- V. To authorize and direct the Trustees to disburse from the Endowment Fund an amount not to exceed the cumulative amount of \$20,000 as provided in the Proposed Budget for 2021 as the Boards Discretionary account; and an amount not to exceed the cumulative amount of \$5,000 as provided in the Proposed Budget for 2021 as the Deacons Discretionary account.**

Information about how to joining the Zoom meeting was sent to members. If you did not receive an email and would like access to the meeting, please contact [Cody](#) in the Church office.

If you experience any issues, please contact the Church office at 416-922-1167 or office@yorkminsterpark.com.

Ron Wakelin
Chair of the Congregation and the Church Council

We are delighted that you have joined us!

Here is some information which we hope will be helpful to you.

Offerings: Please consider sending your offering in the mail to the church. Please send cheques, do not send cash if possible. You can also consider giving your offerings through the PAR program (PreAuthorized Remittance), Monthly Credit Card Offerings, online through CanadaHelps or contact our bookkeeper Estelle for other ways to donate.



[Donate Online](#)

Pastoral Care Prayers: In these unusual days of the COVID-19 concerns, our usual prayer services are suspended in person until further notice. This includes our Prayers for Healing and Blessing after the worship service, as well as our Tuesday Prayers in the Chapel. But please be assured that your pastoral staff are still praying for the needs of our congregation. We are also attempting to stay in touch with those members of our church family who may be more vulnerable and/or socially isolated. Please continue to pray for our people; stay in touch with friends and neighbours by phone or social media; and stay safe. If you have pastoral care needs or prayer requests, please contact our Minister of Pastoral Care, the Rev. Dale Rose or our Parish Nurse Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi.

Accessibility: If you need assistance getting to your seat and/or exiting at the end of the service, please ask at the registration table and you will be accommodated. A limited number of large-print calendars are available for use in worship. If you would like one, please ask at the registration table. Hearing assistance is not available at this time.

Parking: Please note that the Toronto Parking Authority has revised their policy concerning Special Parking Privileges for all of their car parks in Toronto. As a result, there is no free parking available for parishioners on Sunday mornings at the Alvin Street Green P car park. The church parking lot on the north side of the building on Glen Elm is still available for parking.

Stay Connected: The morning service is webcast live and archived on our website.

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
Minister of the Congregation

The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

Mr. William Maddox BMus, FTCL, FCAM
Organist and Director of Music

Ms. Heather Mackey
Director of Family Ministries

Ms. Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi, RN
Parish Nurse

The Rev. John Torrance
Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

The Rev. Dr. William Sturgess
Minister Emeritus, Pastoral Care

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