



Sunday, March 29, 2026

The Parable of True Defilement

Matthew 15:10-20

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WELCOME TO EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

We're so glad you are here to join us in our corporate worship of God this morning. Below is some information about our church.

Washrooms

Washrooms are located down the hall (towards the gym). Please accompany all children who need to leave during the service.

Children's Ministry

Nursery (0-24 months) and Preschool (2s and 3s) are open before the service. Children can be signed in at their respective rooms opposite the washrooms. Kindergarten (JK to Grade 1) and Children's Sunday School (Grades 2 to 5) are dismissed partway through the service. Children must be registered at the Welcome Centre prior to the service.

Nursing Mothers' Room

There is a private room in the nursery for nursing mothers where you can listen to the service. If you'd like to use this room, please ask one of the nursery workers.

Gymnasium

The gym will be open for fellowship and play following the morning service. There is no childcare provided during this time, so please keep an eye on your children to ensure their safety.

Financial Support

The members of Eastwood happily support the work of this church. If you would like to give, you may leave cash or a cheque donation in the mail slot next to the office door or send an e-transfer to tithe@eastwoodchurch.ca. All donations are tax receiptable provided your name and address are included on the donation.

Questions?

Contact Rita Charron (Office Administrator) at office@eastwoodchurch.ca or 519-633-4131

ORDER OF SERVICE

Corporate Worship Service

Call to WorshipJohn Hood
Psalm 18:2

Worship in SongPraise Band
Rock of Ages
God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Word of Lament.....John Hood
Psalm 77:1-9

Corporate Prayer of Lament

Word of HopeJohn Hood
Psalm 77:11-15

Worship in SongPraise Band
He Will Be

Pastoral Prayer.....Steve Kim

Dismiss Children.....Steve Kim

Scripture Reading.....Steve Kim
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Sermon.....Steve Kim

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of PardonSteve Kim
Psalm 130:3-4

Worship in SongPraise Band
Take My Life and Let It be

Commission.....Steve Kim

BenedictionSteve Kim
1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Post-Service

Please join us for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the foyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Corporate Prayer Meeting (Today, 3:00-4:00 PM)

All church members and guests are welcome to join us in the Chapel for a time of prayer.

2. Good Friday Service (Friday, April 3, at 10:30 AM)

Invite your friends and family! Invitations are available at the Welcome Centre.

A congregational potluck lunch will follow. Please join us and bring a dish to share:

- Last names K-Z: Bring a main dish.
- Last names A-J: Bring a side dish or salad plus a dessert.

Important Details:

Please bring your dish ready to serve (cut and sliced as needed). We are unable to prepare or cook food on-site, but we can keep dishes warm. Ideally, each dish should serve 8-10 people, but please bring what you are able.

WORD OF LAMENT

Psalm 77:1-9

I cry aloud to God,
aloud to God, and he will hear me.
In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.
When I remember God, I moan;
when I meditate, my spirit faints. *Selah*

You hold my eyelids open;
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
I consider the days of old,
the years long ago.
I said, "Let me remember my song in the night;
let me meditate in my heart."
Then my spirit made a diligent search:
"Will the Lord spurn forever,
and never again be favorable?
Has his steadfast love forever ceased?
Are his promises at an end for all time?
Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" *Selah*

CORPORATE WORD OF LAMENT

Our Heavenly Father,

We come before you, weighed down by the many troubles in our day.

“O Lord—how long?” (Psalm 6:3)

The world seems filled with wickedness and evil. Many speak evil against your name and commit sins that lead to violent wars, oppression, corruption, and the shedding of innocent blood.

**“How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?
Is the enemy to revile your name forever?”** (Psalm 74:10)

As we seek to walk uprightly in the world, we often see the wicked prosper, and the righteous suffer at the hands of those who commit evil.

**“How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?”** (Psalm 82:2)

In our personal lives, we are afflicted in many ways: we suffer through sickness, poverty, persecution, loneliness, stress, grief, and loss. Life is hard, and at times our courage feels as though it is hanging by a thread.

**How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day** (Psalm 13:2)

We have prayed often for deliverance from all our troubles, but at times it feels as though our prayers go unheard and unanswered. There is silence, and we struggle to hear your voice.

**How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?** (Psalm 13:1)

**Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!** (Psalm 90:13)

O Lord, our God, have mercy on us. Remember that we are the sheep of your pasture. Light up our eyes so that we may see you clearly with the eyes of faith, and restore our hope in you.

In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen**

WORD OF HOPE

Psalm 77:11-15

I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is great like our God?
You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.
You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*¹

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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is there anything in particular that stood out to you from the sermon?
2. In your own words, what is the main point of this passage?
3. What is an “inclusio”?
4. How many times is the word “defile” repeated in this passage? Why is that significant?
5. In what ways have you been slow to hear and understand the words of Christ? What factors have contributed to that struggle?
6. What do your thoughts, actions, and words reveal about the spiritual condition of your heart? Be specific. What would repentance look like in your case? Take some time together to pray and confess your sins to the Lord.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MINISTRY UPDATES

This Week

- Women of Power (Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 AM)
- Ladies & Lambs (Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 AM)
- Women's Book Study (Wednesday, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM | Social Time: 6:30 PM)
- Prayer Meeting (Thursday, at 10:00-11:00 AM)
- Eastwood Youth Easter Event (Thursday, 7:00-9:00 PM)
- Good Friday Worship Service (Friday, 10:30 AM)
- Free Food and Clothing (Saturday, 9:30-11:00 AM)

Please note: There will be no Digging Deeper Class on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Free Food and Clothing

The first and third Saturdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

Men's Floor Hockey

The second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM.

Participants must be 13 years or older. All participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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The third Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM.

Adult Volleyball

The third Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. Participants must be 18 years or older.

Corporate Prayer Meeting

The last Sunday of each month from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.