



Tecumseh United Church

~ An Affirming Congregation ~

Sunday, March 8th, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

LENT TWO * - Please stand if you are able

We are a fragrance-free environment. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

We Gather in God's Love

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn # 380 "She Comes Sailing on the Wind"**

Lenten Challenge:

This week we are tasked with "giving drink to the thirsty."

Now we don't suggest you go and buy a round at your favourite watering hole! But perhaps you could buy a coffee for the person behind you at Tim's. Or perhaps you could contribute through the United Church's "Gifts with Vision" plan to help build a well at a Community school in Zambia. Whatever you chose, it will be important to the person you help. Let's confirm our commitment to this by singing the 2nd verse of VU # 600

***I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
were you there?***

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

***And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?***

Call to Worship:

On this second Sunday of Lent,
we come seeking God.

In this time of uncertainty
in our lives and our world,

we come seeking God.

Quieting our minds, opening our hearts,
and waiting for the divine mystery
to make itself known,

we come to worship God.

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, we gather before you, continuing our Lenten journey. Following the path of those who went before us, we prepare the way for those who follow. We know that there are times when the path will be difficult and the way uncertain, and ahead lies the cross. Yet we gather in faith, because we know the path does not end there. Gracious God, fill us with your love, so we may continue on the journey, beyond the cross, to the empty tomb. There, we encounter your Son, who calls us to witness your love. Amen.

***Hymn MV # 142 "Oh a Song Must Rise"**

Children's Time

Collecting the Coins / Prayer for Coins / Our Lord's Prayer

Singing the Children Out ~ MV # 101 x 2

***Jesus, you fill our hearts with your love,
our minds with your peace & our lives with your joy.
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our minds with your peace & our lives with your joy.***

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17

***Hymn # 381 "Spirit of Life" Sing Twice**

Meditation

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

The Offering / *Offertory Dedication ~ # 541

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People / The Prayer Book is read

We Go to Love and Serve God

***Hymn # 582 "There's a Spirit in the Air"**

*Commissioning and Benediction

Thanks to Barb Snyder for reading, to Joe Patterson and Brian & Gail Burningham for greeting, and to ?? for hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

Happy Birthday this week to Joyce Sayell.

Happy Anniversary this week to Peter & Barb Mitchell Scott and Don & Ann Buchanan.

The Sunday School is looking for volunteers.
If you are interested in helping, please attend a meeting after church TODAY in the nursery.

PIE Day ("Public. Intentional. Explicit.") will take place next Sunday with a special Affirming service and of course ... pie afterwards!
We will celebrate being a welcoming congregation to the LGBTQ2S community.

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