



Tecumseh United Church  
~ An Affirming Congregation ~

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. **LENT Five**

*\*We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples*

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn # 703 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower ”**

*In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.*

Lenten Challenge:

Today is the fifth Sunday in Lent and if you've been following us so far, you will know that each week we are challenging you to put into action one aspect of Jesus' teachings in order to benefit someone's life in some way. This week our challenge is to “care for the sick”. No piece of this scripture speaks louder to us in this time of Covid. Find some way to support a frontline worker. If you know of a nurse, doctor, cleaner, kitchen staff, grocery clerk etc. that you could thank, do it! Be loud and proud! If you are caring for a loved one in these days of lockdown know you are in our prayers. If not, pray daily for those who fill these positions to help the sick in these difficult days. Cook a meal and leave it on the doorstep; bake some cookies and deliver them to a nurse; send flowers to brighten someone's day. Take care of yourself by using hand sanitizer and wearing a mask. Let's confirm our commitment to this by singing the 4<sup>th</sup> verse & refrain of # 600 in Voices United “When I Needed a Neighbour”

***When I needed a healer, were you there,  
were you there?***

***When I needed a healer, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,  
were you there?***

Call to Worship:

Come- all who are made new through faith.

**We offer praise and thanksgiving to God  
for transformation can be ours.**

Let us rejoice and celebrate the wonder of reconciliation.

**We are a are creation; the old has passed away;  
behold the new has come.**

Let us worship!

Opening Prayer:

**Gracious God,  
you are our sacred space within a swirling storm;  
you are our source of calm amidst the chaos.  
Help us become more aware**

of your constant, gentle presence.  
We ask for your strength to sustain us,  
your love to replenish us,  
and your peace to fulfill us.  
In this hour of worship,  
in this time of pandemic,  
may we be reminded and reassured  
that we are truly yours.  
In the name of Jesus, the Risen One, we pray. Amen.

***Musical Interlude ~ Henry Boon***

Scripture Reading: John 12: 20-33

Meditation

***Musical Interlude ~ Henry Boon***

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn # 639 "One More Step Along the World I Go"**

*One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go,  
from the old things to the new,  
keep me travelling along with you:*

***Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.***

*Round the corner of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me: R*

*As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way, I know: R*

*Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough,  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you: R*

*You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the life in me,  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.*

Commissioning and Benediction

**Happy Birthday** this week to George Bruce, Sophie Jha,  
Lynn Symons and Deb Holek

**Happy Anniversary** this week to John & Teresa Cafe  
and Joyce & Lorraine Sayell

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