



Tecumseh United Church
~ An Affirming Congregation ~

Sunday, July 4th, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

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

Announcements

Hymn #639 “One More Step Along the World I Go”

***Refrain: 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:
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.*

Call to Worship:

O Dancing God, your rhythmic drum
is heard in hearts that feel love's beat.
O Dancing God, your spirit leaps in children's carefree feet.
We dance with you, as the sunlight streams
in awe of summer's fields of dreams. Amen.

Prayer of Approach / The Lord's Prayer

Arrangement of “Amazing Grace” played by Henry Boon

Poem for Confession:

**I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door;
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights, nor its décor.**

**But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp:
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The worthless, and the trash.**

**There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbour.
Who never said anything nice!**

**Herb, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well and fine.**

**I nudged Jesus, “What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must have made a mistake!**

**And why is everyone so quiet?
You must give me a clue!"**
**"Hush, child", He said, "They're all in shock!
No one thought they'd be seeing you."**

Assurance of Pardon:

Judge not! Every saint has a past and every sinner
has a future. God works in mysterious ways.
Thanks be to God, to Jesus the Christ,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn MV # 120 "My Soul Cries Out" (refrain-verses-refrain)

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.*

*Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!*

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?*

*Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.*

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears*

*ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.*

*Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around."*

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is
about to turn!*

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 (read by Barbara Mitchell-Scott)

Meditation ~ "What goes around comes around!"

Offering Prayer / Prayers of the People

Hymn # 481 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.*

*With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,*

*embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.*

Benediction:

May God give you ...
for every storm, a rainbow;
for every tear, a smile;
for every care, a promise,
for every problem life sends, a friend to share;
a blessing in each trial;
for every sigh, a sweet song,
and an answer for every prayer.
Shalom!

*Happy Birthday this coming week
to Cindy Gignac, Greg Burke, Tracey Bechard,
Marilyn Hunter and Paul Higgins.*

*Happy Anniversary this week to
Diana & Wayne Harris*

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