



Tecumseh United Church
~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~

Sunday, March 14th, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. **LENT Four**
**We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples*

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn # 220 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

♪ ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times
your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear:
brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.***

***Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?***

***Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work
and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.***

***Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come
now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly with praise we adore him.***

Lenten Challenge:

Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent and so we're entering the second half of our list of challenges. So far, we have challenged everybody to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and welcome the stranger. This week we're challenged to "clothe the naked." Now that could be a bit embarrassing but what if we went through our closets and finally took out those clothes we haven't worn for ages and give them to The Downtown Mission, The Windsor Youth Centre or somewhere similar? Please check that they are accepting donations at this time. If not sort them and have them ready to go when they are ready to accept donations again. Let's confirm our commitment to this by singing the third verse and refrain of # 600 in Voices United, "When I Needed a Neighbour"

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

Call to Worship:

We are given life-
by Love.

We are called-
by Love.

We are gathered together-
by Love.

By God's love for us,

and by our love for God.

So, this day and all days,

we abide in the love of God,

living God's will,

loving God's way.

Come, people of God's covenant love,

let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray:

**You, God, are our all-in-all,
the ground of our being,
the rock of our faith,
the place of shelter,
in the never-ending dance
of our lives.**

**For those moments in which
we need calm,
give us peace.**

**For those moments in which
we need to go,
give us energy.**

**For those moments in which
we need to simply be,
give us love.**

**And help us to be
your conduits of love, energy, and peace
that flow into the world.**

Musical Interlude ~ Henry Boon

Scripture Reading: John 3:14-21

Meditation

Musical Interlude ~ Henry Boon

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn # 633 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"**

***♪ Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.***

***Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way,
whose hope burns through the terrors,
whose love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.
Divine Eternal Lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise
where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.***

Commissioning and Benediction

Happy Birthday this week to
Marcia Fuglewicz and Doug Webb
Happy Anniversary this week to Joe & Pam Patterson

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