

Tecumseh United Church ~ An Affirming Congregation ~ Sunday, June 6th, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. Affirm Sunday *We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples

Announcements *Hymn "Find a Home Here"*

Refrain: Find a home here, live out faith here, Gather strength here, find fam'ly here. Be yourself here, feel secure here. Celebrate here, be at home here.

In churches across the land people have discerned and taken a stand. Prejudice and fear have gone on too long, It's time for ev'ry person truly to belong. **R**

The doors here are open wide, all who venture by are welcome inside. Honouring the gift of diversity, With diffrent ways of loving, diffrent ways to be. **R**

Surrounded by those who care, share the love of God in worship and prayer. Trusting the support, letting go of doubt, the opening is made for safely coming out. **R** ©2008 Mary-Ellen Kish

Call to Worship:

Those whom the world scorns, God loves. Those whom society casts away, God gathers up. Those whom our culture ignores, God gives places of honour. Come together in the spirit of the risen Christ knowing you are gathered in, loved and honoured in this place.

Opening Prayer:

Imaginative and Vibrant God, creator of all things, you made this planet and all its variety. Let us celebrate the diversity of the colours of the world. With red, yellow, and orange, we praise and give thanks: for the warmth of your love shared between all your children, for the energy of the Holy Spirit that powers us forward in service to you, and for the joy of being accepted by you, just as we are.

With green, blue, and violet, we worship and honour you: for the softness of your caring and grace, for the stillness of prayer when we draw close to you, and for the peace of knowing you hold us in your loving embrace. Imaginative and Vibrant God, creator of each of us, you made us the way we are. Together, we are a diverse blend of all your colours. Help us love and celebrate each other, as part of your beloved creation. Amen.

Musical Interlude ~ Henry Boon

Scripture Reading: Mark 3:20-35

Meditation

Musical Interlude ~ Henry Boon

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

Hymn "We Are a Rainbow"

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill, We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light, We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel anymore, We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

Chorus:

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace, For the flood of tears will finally cease to be, Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky, Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free. We're the coat of many colours, sewn from many different threads, Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace, God said, "Let there be light", created every varied shade, In the rainbow each of us can find a place. **Chorus**

We're the hope to still believe, in tomorrow's better day, We are peace in a world that's torn apart, We are joy that will last, in all the struggles that we face, We are love that blooms, and grows in every heart. **Chorus**

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone, For our God will be with us on the way, Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more, As the mourning night of tears breaks into day. **Chorus** Words and music by David Kai ©2017 Tune: Slocan Used with permission

Commissioning and Benediction

Happy Birthday this coming week to Bill Johns and Mary Cole Church 519-735-3323 Rev. Robin Sherman (519)983-0528 <u>robin@tecumsehunited.com</u> Organist & Choir Director: Henry Boon Custodian & Secretary Heather Davidson <u>heather@tecumsehunited.com</u>

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