



Tecumseh United Church
~ An Affirming Congregation ~
Sunday, May 9th, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.
Christian Family Sunday

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

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn # 820 "Make a Joyful Noise"

***Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!***

*Know that your God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song! R*

*Enter these gates, thanks giving.
Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.
Worship your God with a song! R*

*Ages through endless ages,
seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song! R*

Call to Worship:

We cherish and appreciate all mothers this day.
Mother Earth is our home and nurturing sustainer;
let us honour and care for her with respect.
Mother Spirit expresses through us, tending, protecting,
and nourishing those who cannot fend for themselves.
Mother Church gathers and feeds our souls, in different ways,
through our community of faith.

Mother God invites us into relationship with each other,
to know one another as siblings and cousins,
as family committed to care for each other.
Today we celebrate belonging to all these mothers' families;
one earth, one people, one love. Let us worship.

Opening Prayer:

**Today, Gracious God,
we think especially of what family and home mean to us,
and how important it is to each of us to have a place
where we are welcomed and accepted.
We are grateful to you for the invitation you have extended
to each of us to make our home with you
and that no one will be refused entry into your family,
that each of us is acceptable just as we are.
May we be sensitive and welcoming hosts for each other
and for all who enter this church family.
May we extend a gracious and accepting welcome
to all who enter.
To you, Gracious God,
who has welcomed us unconditionally,
we give our thanks today. Amen.**

Musical Interlude ~ Henry Boon

Scripture Reading: John 15: 9-17

Meditation

Musical Interlude ~ Henry Boon

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 702 "When A Poor One"

When a poor one who has nothing shares with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the wounded in their weakness
strengthen others,

Refrain: **then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.**

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems
all around us, **R**

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple
things is better, **R**

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is
called a neighbour, **R**

Commissioning and Benediction

Happy Birthday this coming week to Erynn Weir,
Greg Cole and Irene East.

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