

**Thanks** to Peter Scott for reading, and to the Faith Friends for hosting Coffee Hour.

**Happy Birthday** this week to Joyce Sayell

Please plan to **join us after service today** for an educational opportunity presented by Mark and Megan Luckhardt.



**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> The Great Irish Stew from 5-7pm**

Join us on Friday for delicious food and a heartwarming atmosphere  
\*\$15 (adult) price includes stew, homemade pie dessert and beverage.  
Kids \$5 hot dog dinner. Tickets are going fast!

Thank you all for the generous donations for **Divine Mercy Food Bank, Windsor Youth Centre and Downtown Mission.**

**Terry Fox Shirts for this year are now available for presale. The link for purchase is [2024 Terry Fox Run Collection – The Terry Fox Foundation](#)**

This year's limited-edition Terry Fox Run shirt features the tagline **#NoMatterWhat**, celebrating Terry's relentless determination and courage, no matter the challenges or circumstances when running his iconic Marathon of Hope in 1980. The shirts are produced by adidas and are available in a variety of sizes and styles ranging from \$20 (youth), \$25 (short sleeve), \$35 (long sleeve), and \$40 (performance tee).

All proceeds support cancer research.

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Tecumseh United Church

~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. **LENT 4**

**P.I.E. Sunday service**

*We are a fragrance-free environment.*

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

*We Gather in God's Love*

Announcements

Lent Challenge: (Elaine Butler)

Your challenge is to find some way to share your faith with someone else. One way would be by inviting someone to come to church next Sunday. You might offer them a ride so they can come with you. Another way might be to ask someone if they would like you to pray for (or with) them. But don't be limited to just friends and family; just saying "God bless" to a stranger can sometimes lead to an opportunity to share your faith.

(Let's confirm our commitment to this by singing *the chorus of Hymn # 120 "My Soul Cries Out" in More Voices*)

Words of Welcome:

Welcome to Tecumseh United church. Whether you are online or onsite, present in this moment or a future one, we are grateful for your presence. As we gather, know that you are wanted, valued, included, and affirmed. Wherever you are on your faith journey there is space for you here.

Bring your questions, affirmations, concerns and challenges to this space and know that you can bring the fullness of your humanity in all its non-binary and queered wonder and know you belong.

Land Acknowledgement:

As we gather, we do so acknowledging the lands we are privileged to gather on and that they are the territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples. We acknowledge all the Indigenous, Métis, and Inuit of Turtle Island and their ancestors all the way back to time immemorial and express our desire to walk a different path, one rooted in deep respect, reconciliation, and healing.

### Lighting the Christ Candle:

There is much the world insists must be used to create otherness.

Religion, language, place, orientation, expression, identity, language, education, finances, race, ability, shape and size. Each of these is important.

Each speaks to how we reflect a glimmer of the Divine.

They are parts of what makes us who we are.

Yet as the world seeks to use each of these as a wedge to divide, segregate, and alienate, we who follow in the way of Jesus know something else.

*(candle is lit)*

We have more in common than in difference.

This light reminds us of our unity in Christ.

It is a call to reconciliation and healing.

A rainbow beacon of a different way of being in the world.

One that unifies rather than divides;

respects differences and embraces grace.

May this light remind us that we are called to embody the full queerness of the Holy in the world.

***\*Hymn MV # 145 Draw the Circle Wide***

### Call to Worship:

**This is a space where we worship the revealed full spectrum of Creator.**

A space where we remember and celebrate the non-binary nature of our faith.

A space where the Two Spirit person sits at the feet of the Christ;

Where those who identify as lesbian, or gay, or bi, or straight, or somewhere in between, or not at all are welcomed at the table;

Where the race to the tomb is won by a drag queen and the love of Christ is proclaimed by a cis-person.

**We worship The One who holds all our identities, expressions, and orientations in the palm of their hand proclaiming that each one is part of the wonderful image of God.**

### Opening Prayer

**Holy One, your story revealed in Christ is one that breaks down barriers. Just when people have placed you in a nice comfortable box you confound and astound. You burst out into the public square, denouncing injustice, isolation, and indifference. You challenge a limited linear perception of neighbour and reject bigotry and fear of the other as part of your way. Lead us into the fullness of the likeness you've invested in us. Help us embrace the queerness of creation. Embolden us to take your message of a radically inclusive and holistic love into the public squares of our lives so that we too might be kin-dom builders right here, right now. Amen.**

***\*Hymn MV # 157 I Am a Child of God***

Faith Friends Time / Lord's Prayer

***\*Hymn MV # 104 Know That God Is Good (sing twice)***

*We Listen to God's Word*

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:1-3 ,16-17

***\*Hymn # 298 It Only Takes a Spark***

Meditation

*We Respond to God's Word*

### ***Choir Anthem***

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People: Lighting of 6 candles – after each candle is lit, please respond with:

**As we engage the public square, we remember the reasons that being public, intentional, and explicit are so important.**

Prayer Book is read

*We Go to Love and Serve God*

***\*Hymn # 586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection***

Commissioning & Benediction

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