



Tecumseh United Church

~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~

Sunday, March 1st, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. 2nd LENT

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

* Please adopt the best posture for you in singing/unison prayer

We Gather in God's Love

Welcome and Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement

Call to Worship:

God calls us to live with purpose and courage.

We are not alone.

We are part of God's world.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus calls us to love and serve.

He was not alone.

He was part of God's world.

Thanks be to God.

Like Nicodemus, we come with questions.

We are not alone.

God is with us in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

* **Hymn MV # 30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"**

Lent 2 ~ *(five candles are lit, as well as the Christ candle)*

At times we move through life without noticing the sacred around us.

We can lose sight of God's presence in our world.

Like Nicodemus, we come with questions and limited understanding.

Sometimes we struggle to see the kingdom of God among us.

We recognize how our choices and systems shape the world. We see the effects of climate change driven by the pursuit of economic growth.

We notice the burden of plastic waste created for convenience.

We acknowledge the harm of micro-aggressions and systemic racism.

With humility, we grieve what we have not yet learned and seek to live the ways our faith is still growing.

(The second candle is extinguished)

Hymn MV #90 "Don't Be Afraid" (sing twice)

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,

my love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger

and I have promised, promised to be always near.

Let us pray:

O God, we pray to be born anew, in order to grasp the meaning of your kin-dom. We long to discover our authentic selves as we shed our false selves in this Lenten season. May your truth set us free. May we abide in your spirit of truth so that we can live a life worthy of eternity. Amen.

~ Passing of the Peace ~

Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(As you are comfortable, please pass the peace)

Opening Prayer:

Holy One, the seasons around us are uncertain-some days feel like spring, with warmer weather and hearts, and some days still feel like winter. In this season of Lent, draw us into a deeper season of faith as we journey toward the joy of Easter. Clear away the noise and old habits that keep us from walking closely with you. Make space within our hearts to receive your love, to hear you calling our names, and to find our strength in you.

Bless this Lenten journey, we pray. Amen.

* **Hymn # 296 "This Is God's Wonderous World"**

Faith Friends

Lord's Prayer

Hymn ~ MV # 37 "Each Blade of Grass," verse 1

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17

* **Hymn # 375 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"**

Meditation

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

The Offering

Prayers of the People / Prayer Book is read

Offertory Hymn # 551 "For Food in a World"

We Go to Love and Serve God

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

* Commissioning & Benediction

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Thanks to John McIntosh for reading and to Janet Brigham-Turowski for hosting Coffee Hour.

Happy Birthday today to Barb Snyder and this week to Gary Lonnee and Nicholas Jirgens

UCW Soup Sale today after the service. \$4.00 & \$8.00 sizes.

UCW Meeting -this coming Tuesday at 1pm at the church.
All ladies are welcome.

The Great Irish Stew is coming!!! on Friday March 13th from 5-7pm Tickets: \$20/adult ; \$5/children (12 & under)
Tickets on sale before service or can be reserved by calling the church.

If you are interested in becoming **an official member of the church** please speak with Rev Ryan or email revryanfea@tecumsehunited.com. To confirm whether or not you are an official member please contact Heather.

World Day of Prayer Service Friday, March 6th at 1:30 p.m.
at Banwell Community Church. This ecumenical service has been prepared by the women of Nigeria.
All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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