

Support for United Church Emergency Response in the Middle East and in Ukraine:

We can read about how the United Church is responding to two major conflicts at this time: the crisis in the Middle East and the ongoing war in Ukraine.

The United Church is allying with organizations in these areas to provide effective relief. Also, the leaders of the church are speaking out to add their voices in support of finding resolutions to the conflicts.

The links below are one way to donate, or we can donate with a cheque to Tecumseh United marked for emergency relief for one of these situations if we choose to do so. The links also inform us about how the church has been involved and will continue to provide support.

[Donate to Support Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel | The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](#)
[Emergency Response: Two years of war in Ukraine | The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](#)

Whether or not we donate at this time, the information at these links show how Mission and Service is at work.

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Tecumseh United Church

~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~

Sunday, February 25th, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. **LENT 2**

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.

Prelude:

Announcements:

Land Acknowledgement:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Hymn VU #260: "God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness"

Lent Challenge: (Sandee Dunlop)

This week, your challenge is to express gratitude to others. We would like you to make a point of saying thanks to someone in your life who you don't often thank. It might be a stranger or someone you see regularly. Try to do this once a day. The other part of the challenge is to make a mental list every day of three things for which you feel grateful. You might list things you see in nature, things that happen during your day, or people you encounter. Try to make it different each day and avoid generalities such as "friends and family" or "all of God's Creation." So that's the challenge for the coming week. (Let's confirm our commitment to this by singing *the chorus* of **Hymn # 120 "My Soul Cries Out" in More Voices**)

Call to Worship: (responsively) (from Gathering Magazine)

We're on a journey.

Who are we with?

We're walking with Christ.

Where are we going?

Where he goes!

Where are we going?

To Jerusalem, to the cross, and to the tomb ...

and Beyond! So let us walk together,

and as we journey, let us worship our God.

Opening Prayer: (responsively) (from Gathering Magazine)

Holy and gracious God, we've set out on a journey,

But we don't know where we are going.

However, we've set out anyway;

into the wilderness, and the dark, desert places.

May we find you

**in unexpected places, in the gaze of fellow pilgrims,
beneath upturned stones, among the roots of desert plants,
and in the inner light that we never knew was there. Amen.**

Hymn MV #161 "I Have Called You by Your Name"

Faith Friends Time:

The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn MV #1 (verse 5 only) "All Are Welcome"

Affirmation of Faith: (in unison) (from Iona Abbey Worship Book)

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before
dawn, in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and
courage join hands, and where conflict and caring link
arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a 'with-us' God,
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.**

**We affirm our faith that takes us beyond the safe place,
and into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change, to put ourselves
on the line, to bear responsibility.
Let us take risks, live powerfully, and face humiliation.
Let us stand with those on the edge, to choose life, and
to be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.
Amen.**

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 12: 1-3 and Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Hymn: VU #634: "To Abraham and Sarah"

Meditation: Abraham and Faith

Choir Anthem:

Minute for Mission

Offering Prayer: (from Gathering magazine)

Prayers of the People: (based on Psalm 22)

Hymn VU #642: "Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction: (from Gathering magazine)

Postlude:

Thanks to Peter Scott for preparing and leading the service, to Cheryl Morris for reading, and to Janet Peck and Anne Auger for hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

Happy Birthday this coming week to Heather Davidson, Jack Muma and Barb Snyder

UCW SOUP SALE TODAY

Stock up on our delicious choices which include Ginger Sweet Potato, Beef Barley, Mulligatawny, Carrot Ginger, Red Lentil, Maple Squash, Tomato Basil, Potato Leek, Cream of Cauliflower \$4 and \$7 sizes.

Save the Date! Friday, March 15th for the **Great Irish Stew.**

Please contact Heather in the office to subscribe or to cancel BROADVIEW magazine. The yearly subscription rate is \$30, which can be placed in the Offering Plate in the envelopes provided in the entry. (please let her know by next Thursday)

Thank you all for the generous donations for Windsor Youth Centre, Divine Mercy Food Bank and Downtown Mission. We continue to collect items as you are able to donate.

Donations can be made by simple e-transfer to donations@tecumsehunited.com