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Tecumseh United Church

~ An Affirming Congregation ~

Sunday, February 18th, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. LENT 1

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

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lent Challenge: (Ian Phillips)

This week, your challenge is to do an act of generosity.

You might drop a five-dollar bill on the street and let someone pick it up or buy a coffee for someone behind you in the lineup at Tim Hortons or give food to the food bank or donate to charity online. Who knows what you will come up with!

But, this week, find some act of generosity that is outside of what you usually do.

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

Call to Worship:

Lent is an opportunity for a spiritual spring cleaning, **a chance to take and air out our experiences and thoughts**, time to consider them, organize them, and make decisions. **What have we learned? What is to be promoted or avoided?** As we prepare to move into a time of new joys and new uncertainties, **what can we use to rest firm in our faith?** Let us worship together, in part because it strengthens our resolve **to trust in God and live our lives in Christ.**

***Hymn # 108 "Through Theses Lenten Days and Nights"**

Opening Prayer:

God of the past, present, and future, Mother and Father of us all, we come before you today mindful of your covenant with us, of the promise you made to Noah and to all living creatures, affirming your close relationship with and concern for all your creation.

As we plan our first tentative steps out of the shadows of the past, help us to honour your presence, renew our relationship with all your living creatures, be aware of the possibilities inherent in this new start, and watch confidently for your rainbow assurance of new life and new possibilities. In the name of Jesus, who brings the covenant of Noah's time to fruition, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn MV # 195 "Long Ago and Far Away"**

Communion open insert

Faith Friends Time / Lord's Prayer

***Hymn # 572 Send Me Lord** verses 1 & 2

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

***Hymn "We Are a Rainbow"** see insert

Meditation

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the people / Prayer Book is read

We Go to Love and Serve God

***Hymn "Go Now in Peace"**

Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Commissioning & Benediction

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(announcements follow on insert)

Next Sunday -Lent Two service with Peter Scott leading while Robin is away on Study Leave.

Thanks to John Cafe for reading and to Paul & Sharon Higgins for hosting Coffee Hour.

Happy Birthday this coming week to Allan Howe, Michael Tiplady and Mary Fournier.

UCW SOUP SALE next Sunday February 25th. 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 \$4.00 and \$7.00 sizes.

The Men's Club will be meeting at LUX diner on **Saturday, February 24th** at 8:30am. New members are always welcome!

World Day of Prayer Service- Friday, March 1st at 1:30 pm at Good Shepherd Parish, 462 Advance Blvd. Tecumseh. All are invited to attend this Ecumenical Service written by the Christian Women of Palestine. This year's theme- "I Beg You, Bear with One Another in Love" Refreshments to follow.

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** (note an increase from last year), which can be placed in the Offering Plate in the envelopes provided in the entry.

Thank you all for the generous donations for **Windsor Youth Centre and Downtown Mission.** The items were delivered this week.

We continue to collect items for Downtown Mission and WYC as you are able to donate.

And we continue to keep the Urgent Appeal to **support Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel** through donation and advocacy in our hearts and minds. Further information is found

at [Support Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel](#) | [The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](http://The United Church of Canada (united-church.ca))

WE ARE A RAINBOW

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*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.*

Refrain:

***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. **R***

*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. **R***

*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. **R***