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Worship Service

Zoom Audio Call

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 27th, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Contentment is an awareness of sufficiency, a sense that we have enough and we are enough. It is appreciating the simple gifts of life—friendship, books, a good laugh, a moment of beauty, a cool drink on a hot day. Being contented, we are free from the pull of greed and longing. We trust that life provides what we need when we need it. Contentment allows us to experience satisfaction with what is. We are fully present in this moment. Being contented does not obstruct our dreams or thwart our purpose. It is a place to stand and view the future with a peaceful heart and gratitude for all that is and all that is to come. (The Virtues Project)

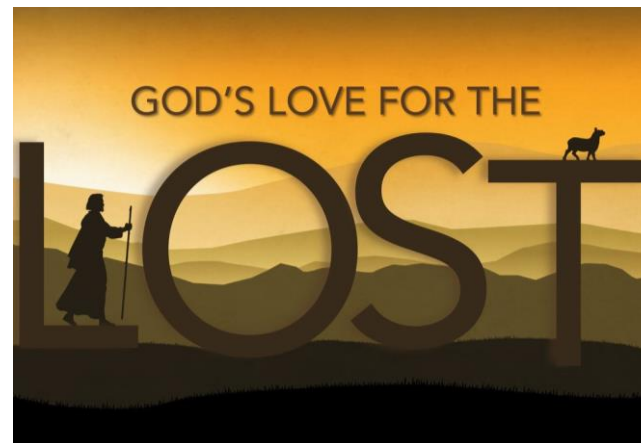
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Praising God

Prelude

“Vesper Song”, Op.45 #10

Stephen Heller



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Come and rejoice in God's reconciling love.
For what was lost has been found.

God runs to welcome us.

Let us dance and sing as we celebrate God's lavish generosity.

God declares, "Everything that is mine is yours."
We are invited to God's party as we feast together and celebrate God's forgiveness and unconditional love.

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Opening Prayer (unison)

Surprising God, like the father who threw a party for his prodigal son, You too delight in feasts of forgiveness and reconciliation. Your generosity exceeds our expectations. May our worship express our gratitude for the gift of new life and for helping us to be a welcoming community. Amen.

Hymn (232) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” vs.1,2,3

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.
- 3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;

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teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Loving parent God, whenever we have asked, You have given us our inheritance of love. Yet at times we have squandered that love and so we seek Your grace in our lives. Forgive our prodigal ways. Welcome us home with a renewed sense of worthiness so we will not judge ourselves or others. Liberate us to live fully as Your people. Amen.

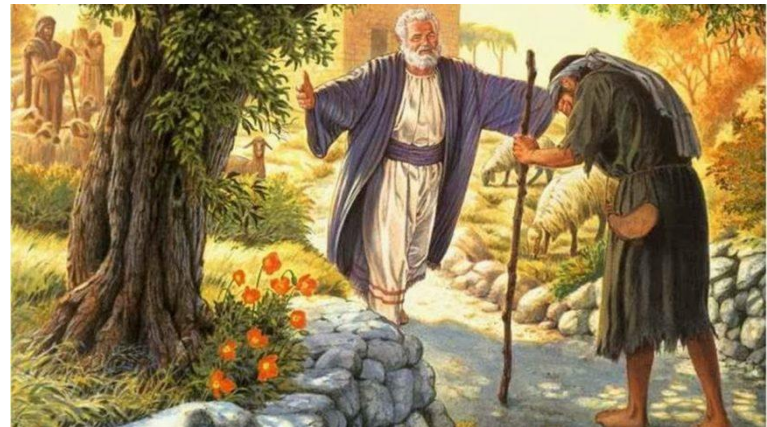
Sung Assurance (154) MV “Deep In Our Hearts”

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision; vs.1
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:11-32

(The parable of the prodigal son.)

P. Watanabe



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Solo "O World of God" R.B.Y. Scott/H. Parry
L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "Forgive and Let Go" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (266) "Amazing Grace" vs. 1, 2,4,5

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Responding to God

Minute for Mission I. Kagawa

Hymn (586) "We Shall Go Out with Hope of
Resurrection" vs. 1,2

- 1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.

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We'll sing our songs of wrongs
that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts
that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

- 2 We'll give a voice to those
who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips
are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing
no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still
are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break
in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Commissioning and Benediction

Although the road is long and the journey is hard
Although the mountains are too high
And the valleys are too low
By Your grace, give us hope
By Your power, give us strength
By Your mercy, give us wisdom
So that we may continue to go where You lead us
Until all Your children are safe from harm.
May we go with Your light shining in us. Amen.

Choral Amen “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With ev’ry step I take let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Postlude

“Amazing Grace”

John Newton/New Britain, arr. Jack Schrader

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, and R. Bloor for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to P. Watanabe for reading our scripture. Thank you to I. Kagawa for reading our Minute for Mission. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, March 27th, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 3rd, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 10th, Palm Sunday and Celebration of Holy Communion. You are invited to have a piece of

bread or cracker and a beverage and together we will share the Lord’s Supper.

"March is Broadview Month"

Broadview (formerly the Observer): Renewal time for the United Church’s *Broadview* magazine is fast approaching. If you already have a subscription, please send \$25.00 to the church and indicate the money is for your Broadview subscription. You may either e-transfer the money to office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca or mail a cheque to 2609 Bayview Ave, North York, ON M2L 1B5. If you are a new subscriber, please follow the same procedure but please also send **your full name and mailing address** to S. Yamashita. All renewals and new subscriptions are due by March 27th, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact our BUC Broadview Representative, S. Yamashita. Thank you.

Lenten Offering Project:

This year you are invited to support the United Church **Gifts with Vision** program. Your **donations** given to **BUC on Easter Sunday** will go towards supporting the following 3 projects:

1. In many communities in Zambia, water has to be brought from far away, often by young girls. The time-consuming task of bringing daily water forces them to give up their education. The People's Action Forum is **drilling a well** at Kamulaseni Community School in Chipata. With clean and safe water available locally, more girls will be able to stay in school, and the local community will benefit.

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2. An **olive tree** can live 1,000 years in harsh conditions and yields a generous harvest. Over decades of Israeli military occupation, hundreds of thousands of olive trees in Palestine have been systematically destroyed. Many Palestinians rely on olive trees for their livelihood, nutrition, and other vital uses. Join the YWCA of Palestine and East Jerusalem YMCA in helping Palestinians plant trees for prosperity and peace.

3. More than 80 million people worldwide are currently fleeing danger, persecution, or starvation. Around the world, **displaced persons** face untold suffering and need, and their number is growing. On average, one person is displaced every two seconds. Food, shelter, education and training, health care, and other vital programs for displaced persons are even more important during the pandemic. The United Church's partners in Africa, the Middle East, and South America provide care and support to people who have had to leave everything behind.

Thank you for your support!

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please email Rev. Cooper

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or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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God bless you, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, and same Zoom phone number or video link.



Have a blessed day!