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Worship Service

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Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 12th, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Our uniqueness, our individuality, and our life experience mould us into fascinating beings. I hope we can embrace that. I pray we may all challenge ourselves to delve into the deepest resources of our hearts to cultivate an atmosphere of understanding, acceptance, tolerance, and compassion. We are all in this life together. -- **Linda Thompson**

As I get older, the more I stay focused on the acceptance of myself and others, and choose compassion over judgment and curiosity over fear.

--**Tracee Ellis Ross**

'Star Trek' is about acceptance, and the strength of the Starship Enterprise is that it embraces diversity in all its forms. --**George Takei**

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go"
Geo. Matheson/A.L. Peace, arr. Phillip Keveren



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Like the woman at the well in ancient times, we long for "living water" to sustain us.

We seek to be restored and refreshed by the wellspring in our midst.

Come with your hearts wide open, your defenses down and your needs made visible.

Let us open ourselves to Christ's healing flow as we seek to live in community with one another.

May we be moved, inspired and changed by the power of God's Spirit in our midst.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Life-Giving God, You provide for our every need, yet we thirst for so much more. In this time of worship, fill our emptiness with Your Spirit. Fill our longing with Your comforting Presence. Fill our thirsty souls with Your “Living Water.” Amen.

Hymn (222) “Come, Let Us Sing” vs. 1,2,3

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Gracious God, it is easy to have faith when things are going well. But sometimes the well of faith goes dry and our energy is drained by difficult situations or difficult decisions. Sometimes our disappointments feel unbearable and we freeze at critical moments, unable to say or do anything. Help us remember that You helped Moses find water in a rock and that Jesus drank from the cup of a Samaritan woman. May we know that even in the hardest of times, You are with us to guide and

nurture us so we may be filled with Your living water of love. Amen.

Sung Assurance (145) MV “Draw the Circle Wide” vs. 1,2,3

Refrain: Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

1. God the still-point of the circle,
Round you all creation turns;
Nothing lost but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **(Refrain)**
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
So encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders,
Faithful to God's call. **(Refrain)**
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
Than we've ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us,
Open every door! **(Refrain)**

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 17:1-7

C. Watanabe
(God provides water from a rock for the people.)

Gospel Lesson John 4:5-30; 39-42

C. Watanabe
(Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.)

**Solo “Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing” R.B.Y.Scott
arr. John Roberts
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano**



Hymn (tune 120) “Help Us Accept Each Other”
vs.1, 2,3

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present God, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

2. Teach us, O God, Your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all not just for some,
To love them as we find them or as they may be come.

3. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit; come, free us, make us one!

Responding to God

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Commissioning and Benediction

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet,
walk with you to the end of your road;
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands,
Stretch out your hands to serve;

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May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart,
Open your hearts to love;
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet
see the face of Christ in you. Amen.
A Celtic Prayer

Choral Amen (424) “May the God of Hope...” vs. 1
May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Postlude “It Is Well with My Soul” Philip P. Bliss
arr. Cindy Berry

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 J. Brooker and B. Kai for
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.
Thanks to C. Watanabe for reading our scriptures.
Our thanks 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 12th, Third Sunday of Lent
1:00 p.m. - The Annual Meeting held on Zoom.

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Sunday, March 19th, Fourth Sunday of Lent
1:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Sunday, March 26th, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 2nd, Palm Sunday and Celebration of
Holy Communion on Zoom. You are invited to have
a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage and
together we will share the Lord’s Supper.

Friday, April 7th, 11:00 a.m. – Good Friday worship
service on Zoom. We will remember the last day of
Jesus’ life.

Sunday, April 9th, 11:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday. This
will be a hybrid service (in-person at BUC as well as
on Zoom). We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus,
with special music and with J.n Liddle on trumpet.

"March is Broadview Month"

Broadview (formerly the Observer): Renewal time for
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Broadview representative, S. Yamashita. Thank you.

Lenten Offering Project:

This year you are invited to support the **International Development and Relief Foundation (IDRF)** which is providing aid to the victims of the Turkey & Syrian earthquakes. **IDRF** has launched its first phase of its emergency response program by helping survivors with **blankets, heaters, tents and jackets**. Additionally, **IDRF** will provide **warm meals and emergency first aid** to families affected by this crisis.

IDRF is a non-profit Canadian registered charity based in North York, working with partners around the world and locally to facilitate relief and development programs.

Your **donations** given to **BUC** on **Easter Sunday** will go towards supporting this important aid program. 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 or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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Have a blessed day!