

Weston Presbyterian Church

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March 15th, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (sung 3x):

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***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words, you are holy, Lord.***

Let us worship God!

Lenten Reading (responsive)

Hymn: ***“Come, let us sing to the Lord our song”***

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Prayer of Approach

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison):

**O God, create a pure heart in us through your word.
Renew us and give us strength for our daily tasks.
Keep us ever near in Christ. Amen.**

Old Testament Scripture:

Exodus 17:1-7

(p. 56)

Responsive Psalm 95, refrain I (red psalter)

Engaging the Children of God

Hymn: “Oh come and sing unto the Lord”

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Epistle and Gospel Readings:

Romans 5:1-11

(p. 917)

John 4:5-42

(p. 864)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: “Come, Thou fount of every blessing”

***Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.***

***Sorrowing I shall be in spirit,
Till released from flesh and sin,
Yet from what I do inherit,
Here Thy praises I'll begin;
Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Here by Thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.***

***Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood;
How His kindness yet pursues me
Mortal tongue can never tell,
Clothed in flesh, till death shall loose me
I cannot proclaim it well.***

***O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.***

***O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransomed soul away;
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day.***

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Sermon: *Giving God the Glory*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn: *"Take my life and let it be"*

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***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

Offertory Prayer (unison):

**We thank you for your forgiveness, O God,
and for the gift of your Spirit
whereby we are conformed to your image in Christ.
May we give ourselves to you in humble service
as those who have been given new life
through the ministry of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn: "From the slave pens of the Delta"

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(alt. Bethany 589)

Call to walk in the Spirit (responsive):

Women: May the God of love who shares his love,
strengthen us in our love for others.

Men: May the Son who shares his life grant us grace,
that we may share our joy.

All: **And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us
empower our worship daily
in spirit and truth. Amen.**

Sung Benediction

(Edelweiss)

***May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
courage in every endeavour.***

***Lift up your heart to see his face, full of grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.***

Threefold Amen

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Silent Meditation (We leave to share the good news.)

Organ Postlude

***Welcome to our service of worship this morning.
Thank you for joining us. We hope you will come to
Lower Creelman Hall for refreshments and a time of
fellowship after the service.***

***If you are here for the first time, please sign our
guest book at the Cross Street entrance.***

***May God richly bless you and make you a blessing
to many.***

Weston King Neighbourhood Centre is always in need of donated items. Now that winter is drawing to a close, we will again collect toiletries for the clients. Please know that your support is greatly appreciated. ***Thank you!***



Stewardship Moment

We need to help younger people recognize their own capacity to do good and help them discover the rewards of generosity.

Bill Clinton (1946 -), 42nd President of the USA

Mission Moment - Blessed are the peacemakers

Shaun MacDonald was inspired to be an instrument of God's peace by the prayer of St. Francis. He decided to put that into action by serving as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Hebron, Palestine. From October 2019 to January 2020, Shaun provided a protective presence, monitored human rights violations, and supported local peace and human rights groups as he witnessed life under occupation. Most importantly, he visited Palestinian families and shop keepers to learn their stories so he could share them with Canadians upon his return. The World Council of Churches created the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel in 2002. Since then, over 1,800 accompaniers from 22 countries have participated. Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support this important ministry.

Presbyterians Sharing promotes peace in the Middle East.

UPCOMING 2020

Tuesday, **March 17** – OWA/SSA

Church House – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, **March 25** – *Worship Committee*

Church House – 1:00 p.m.

But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, then we share together a common life, and we are being cleansed from every sin by the blood of Jesus his Son (1 John 1:7).

Readings for March 22nd

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A son of Jesse is chosen as king

Psalms 23

My shepherd

Ephesians 5:8-14

Living as children of light

John 9:1-41

A man born blind is healed



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of the Mississaugas of the New Credit.*