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1. SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26, 2023

Gathering

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Announcements:

Call to Worship: *All Who Are Thirsty*

8 All who are thirst - - y, and all who are weak, Come to the foun - tain.

14 Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sor - row be washed a -

19 way in the waves of His mer - cy as deep cries out to deep. We sing,

25 "Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus, come.

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**** Second Chorus is "Holy Spirit, Come" ****

Confession and Reassurance:

God in the shadows,

We admit to you God, our struggle.

We confess that in our busy lives, we do not often take the time to reflect.

We confess that sometimes we forget the pain of the world around us, simply because it is easier to turn away.

We confess that we are lonely, yet we shy away from making connections in our communities.

We confess that we are not kind enough to ourselves, and by extension, our global family.

Give us strength God, to journey on.

Give us guidance, to follow your path.

Give us patience, to seek your reassurance, and to forgive ourselves.

And turn us, again, to you.

Gathering Hymn: *Bless Now O God, The Journey* ELW 326

Prayer of the Day:

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to live in community together with you. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your son, Jesus Christ, Our saviour, Amen.

Word

First Reading: *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7* Response to Reading: Word of God, Word of life, **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Restore in Us O God ELW 328 (Verses 1-3)

Gospel: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response to Reading: The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Vicar Bethan

Hymn of the Day: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery ELW 334 (V1-3 & Lent 1 Words)

Imposition of Ashes:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, Our Saviour

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Prayers of Intercession:

Response to "Merciful God:" **Receive Our Prayer.**

Lord's Prayer: p. 134

Offertory Hymn: Blessed be your Name

1. *Blessed be your name when I'm found, in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be your name.*
2. *Blessed be your name, on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be your name.*

Refrain: Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your Glorious name.

**Sharing of the Peace:
Learning in Lent:**

Sending

Sending Blessing Song: *The Peace of The Earth (See Insert)*

Dismissal:

Go in Peace, We Walk with Christ.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday March 1 – **WORSHIP COMMITTEE** at 1 pm

LENTEN OFFERINGS: Special Lenten offering envelopes are available at both entrances. Lenten offerings this year are designated to CLWR for earthquake relief.

SEWING GROUP NEWS: With the assistance of Anwar Dost, Vice-President of the Brantford Muslim Association, 110 blankets, both adult and child size, will be shipped to a warehouse in Toronto for further shipment to the earthquake areas in Turkey and Syria. Anwar Dost has assisted us in the past with the settlement of our refugee family. Many thanks to Mr. Dost and staff, all members of the Sewing Group, and all who support us making the gift of these blankets possible. We look forward to beginning work on our next projects to serve those in need.
Jeanne Boulé and Liz Mongeon

THANK YOU: Please see the bulletin board for a note from Rita Hamilton for her plant.

TODAY WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Luke Spletstoesser	Jackie	Marlene Sams and Ruby
David Neumann	Otto Philipp	Patty Davis
Scott Hagglund	Stephen Kovacs	Gladys Souliere
Florence Smith	Maya James	Eberhard
Grace Mueller	The Family of Barbara Schein	