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Lent 4

We are a community growing and learning in the love and grace of Jesus Christ, welcoming all to know and share the



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Gathering

Confession for Lent

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Our self-centered living, exploitation of other people, and failing to love kindness, do justice and walk humbly with you,
we confess to you, O God.

Our longing to have what is not ours, and hearts that are not at rest with ourselves,
we confess to you, O God.

Our misuse of human relationships and our unwillingness to see Jesus in others,
we confess to you, O God.

Jealousies that divide families and nations, rivalries that create strife and warfare,
we confess to you, O God.

Judgementalism, uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours, and prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
we confess to you, O God.

Reluctance in sharing the time, talents and resources you have given us,
we confess to you, O God.

Waste and pollution of creation, and lack of concern for those who come after us,
we confess to you, O God.

Hurtful words that condemn and angry deeds that harm,
we confess to you, O God.

Timidity at talking about the place of Jesus and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives, negligence in worship and prayer, and wasting your gifts of love and grace,

we confess to you, O God.

Restore us, O God, restore our relationships with you, with our neighbours and with creation, and renew a right spirit within us. **Amen**

According to God's abundant mercy, there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance, and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn

Christ Be Our Light

715

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Chorus:

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Chorus*
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. *Chorus*
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. *Chorus*
5. Many the gifts, many the people,

Many the hearts that year to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Signs of your kingdom come. *Chorus*

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

Bend your ear to our prayers, O Christ, and come among us.
By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the
darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for
you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. **Amen**

Word

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, the 5th chapter.

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

The holy gospel according to John, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Reading... (video clip)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace

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1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but know 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.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures;
He 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.

Prayers

Lord's Prayer *Our Father, who art in heaven...*

Sending

Announcements may be made.

Benediction

Sending Hymn *Jesus, Lend Your Light*
Sung to the tune of "For the Beauty of the Earth"

1. Jesus, lend the world your light.
Open our unseeing eyes.
May we know the gift of sight
That your healing touch supplies.
Then, through insights we receive,
Help us deeply to believe.
2. Guide us in the paths you choose,
Gracious Shepherd, Leader, Friend,
When we're tempted to confuse
Our delights with tests you send.
Lead us through our doubt and fear

By your mercy, ever near.

3. Bring us to discipleship
That discerns your truth each day.
Then, by brave apostleship,
May we boldly serve your way,
Daring to obey your will,
Your high purpose to fulfill.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Special thanks to Glen Willmot for arranging the technical details of our digital worship. Please let us know how things went for you worshipping online, or how we might make your experience better.

All gatherings at the church are suspended until further notice. However, we remain a Christian community of faith committed to living and proclaiming the gospel in our lives in whatever ways we are able under the current circumstances.

Pastor Brian is available for pastoral care and prayer and can be reached by phone at 519-209-1333.

Even though we cannot gather in person for worship, our shared expenses as a church remain fairly constant. Please continue to support the church with your offerings, which can be dropped off at the church mailbox, or you might consider Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) or e-transfer.