



# Leaside Presbyterian Church

***To grow in relationship with Jesus Christ,  
so that we feel loved and share God's love with others.***

April 6, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

\*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on *Herzlich tut mich*

*Verlangen* (hymn 239) by Johannes Brahms

*The prelude which starts a few minutes before 10:30am, sets the tone for what is to follow, inviting worshipers to gather, to transition from their busy lives into a sacred place of communion with God and with each other.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

PWS&D insert

\*HYMN

*Stand up and praise the Lord No. 411*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Dear Christ,**

**we have chosen to harm: ourselves, others,  
the Earth.**

**We have chosen and acted in our own  
authority and opportunity, we have gone  
along with it and kept quiet.**

**We have left healing and peace-making to  
others.**

**We have thrown away, where we might have  
repurposed and treated Creation as  
single-use and expendable.**

**We have done what looked like good,  
and acted with what looked like prudence,  
without a scent of love.**

**We know that You know, and thank God for  
that!**

**So, set us free from that self-deception,  
from the harm we think we have to do.  
With You, things change, for life.  
Make us beautiful with Your forgiveness -  
make us as lights that shine and show the  
way, make us as water in the desert,  
make us as bright threads in life's web  
to receive with joy what we also need as  
partners with Creation.  
To Your glory, Amen**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**One:** Making a way through all the foolishness and mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace.

**All:** **Do we notice what God has done for us, what God is doing in us? This is good news for everyone. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

#### PEACE OF CHRIST

**One:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

#### \*HYMN

*Blest are they No. 624*

#### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All:** **Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may hear your Word with joy. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:35-40 Pg NT 29

**One:** The grass withers, the flower fades,

**All:** **but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

#### CHOIR ANTHEM

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Silesian folk song, arr. Martin How*

#### SCRIPTURE

James 2:14-17 Pg NT 230

**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Shahrzad Kandalaft - PWS&D

\*HYMN

*We give thee but thine own No. 661*

OFFERING

*Give Me Jesus arr. Moses Hogan*

Neal Armstrong soloist

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to God No. 318*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** 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; for ever and ever. AMEN

\*HYMN

*Sent forth by your blessing No. 775*

\*SENDING

One: The green shoots spring up

**All: And the landscape shouts beauty.**

One: The cycles of nature, of water, of life

**All: Show God's Word of renewal, of change and of hope.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION

*Go now in peace No. 622*

POSTLUDE

*Christ lag in Todesbanden*

(Christ lay in death's bonds), BWV 625 by J. S. Bach

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### WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Mary Kopman Scripture: Alex Packman

Usher: Caroline Cassin Coffee Hour: Weida Malcolm Smith

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us following worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in Glebe Community Room if you are here in person. Please stay with us for our virtual coffee hour following worship if you are online.

- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Today, we welcome the **Rev. Shahrzad Kandalaff**, co-convenor of the **Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)** governance team. Shahrzad began her ministry at St. Paul's in November 2021. She has been an ordained Presbyterian minister since 2017 and recently served the Barrhaven Mission. She and her family live in Kemptville. She is married to Rev. Samer Kandalaff and they have three children between 12 and 18 years old.
- There are **new Welcome cards** in the pews with general information about the church and an easy way to communicate with Rev Paul or make a donation. Please feel free to make use of these cards whether you are visiting or have been attending for a long time!
- Come join us online every Wednesday at noon for a twenty-minute **guided meditation**. This ancient Christian spiritual practice is rooted in the belief that God's peace, which is available to all of us, is as close to us as our very own breath. It is a gift that is to be received and nurtured continuously as we learn how to let go and be still in the quiet of God's loving presence. For more information, please speak to Paul. For the Zoom link, please see the Friday email.

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility  
 this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers.  
 Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people  
 from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have  
 the opportunity to worship on this land.

Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting  
 this land from those who have gone before us.

Wherever we are, we recognize the responsibility of caring for  
 this land to pass on to those who come after us.

We are grateful for this gift of being on this land.