



Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8 - 10:30 a.m.

***please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE

Pass it on arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus calls us to be the light of the world –

All: **To loose the bonds of injustice, open the eyes
that are blind, and deliver from prison those
who sit in darkness.**

One: God invites us to be a light to the nations –

All: **To carry God's salvation to the ends of the
earth.**

One: The Holy Spirit dwells in us, giving us strength to
do God's work.

All: **We live in God's foolish hope for us and for the
world!**

***HYMN**

Arise, your light is come No.712

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you placed us in the world to be its salt.
We were afraid of committing ourselves,
afraid of being stained by the world.

We did not want to hear what 'they' might say
and our salt dissolved as if in water.
Forgive us, Jesus.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, you placed us in the world to be its light.
We were afraid of the shadows,
afraid of the poverty.
We did not want to know 'difficult' people
and our light slowly faded away.
Forgive us, Jesus.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, you placed us in the world to live in community.
Thus you taught us to love,
to share in life,
to struggle for bread and for justice,
Your truth incarnate in our lives.
So be it, Lord Jesus.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The light of God's love shines into the dark places of our world, healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to places of despair.

The light of God's love makes us a forgiven people.

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

***HYMN** Shine, Jesus, shine (with hand motions) No.376

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.

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,
All: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC Hymn to Freedom by Oscar Peterson

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13-20 NT pg.4

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Salt and Light

***HYMN** *This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine (x3)
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Every where I go,
I'm going to let it shine (x3)
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me
I'm going to let it shine, (x3)
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Presentation of our Offerings

OFFERING There is a balm in Gilead arr. Mark Hayes;
Neal Armstrong, soloist

***DOXOLOGY** "We praise you O God" NO.425 v.1
We praise you, O God,
Our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion
Our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you;
We kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name;
Glad praises we sing.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: 'May we have the mind of Christ.'

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, and the power, and the glory for ever. AMEN

***HYMN**

I will call upon the Lord No.408

***SENDING**

God be in our heads, **and in our understanding;**
God be in our eyes **and in our looking;**
God be in our mouths **and in our speaking;**
God be in our heart, **and in our thinking;**
God be at our end, **and at our departing.**

BENEDICTION

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Tune: Bunessan No. 814

New life has bloomed here,
God's love has warmed us;
Now the world calls us
to share God's love.
Christ's peace go with you.
May it sustain you,

*bring us together
praise God again*

POSTLUDE: Siyahamba ("We are marching in the light of God") arr. John A. Behnke

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Mary Scripture: Katherine
Usher: Morgan
Coffee Hour: The Sitters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to Leaside Presbyterian Church. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful to be connected as we worship together.
- **Journeying Together Through Lent**
Lent is a forty day period (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter when followers of Jesus look inward by examining themselves and their relationship with God. Paul is planning an in-person inter-generational Lenten series using an illustrated children's storybook (**Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints**) about people of diverse faiths who worked for more love, kindness, and justice, even when that rocked the religious boat.
The first session kicks off on Ash Wednesday, February 18 at 12:30pm and will meet on six consecutive Sundays at 12:30pm throughout Lent. Stay tuned for more information.
- **LPC reads...**is an *online* book club for the people (and friends) of Leaside Presbyterian Church. Details like books to read, when to meet, etc. are

yet to be determined. If you are interested, please contact Barry.

- Save the date: LPC's **annual meeting** will take place on Sunday March 1st at 12pm in the sanctuary.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to those who will be celebrating birthdays this week. If we didn't know it was your birthday, please let the office know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday February 8, 10:30am

- 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday February 15, 10:30am

- Transfiguration Sunday

Wednesday February 18, 12:30pm

- Ash Wednesday
- Lenten Series - Session One:
Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints

Sunday February 22, 10:30am

- 1st Sunday in Lent
- Lenten Series - Session Two:
Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints

UNCEASING PRAYER

Every Sunday, you'll find an updated prayer for specific PWS&D programs and emergency responses, new prayers from PWS&D's global partners, Canada-wide volunteers and ecumenical coalitions, as well as prayers taken from the Bible or the Book of Praise. Thank you for continuing to pray for people affected by conflict, climate change, inequality and systemic cycles of poverty around the globe.

Creator God,

We are thankful for all that you have given us, and for your many mercies. Make us worthy of your gifts and help us, through PWS&D and their partners and programs, to support those who need your tender loving care. Amen.

Written by Thomas Hillier and Victoria Banfield, PWS&D Champions at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Markham, Ont.

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.