



Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8 - 10:30 a.m.

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

*Music for Mechanical Organ
Clock by Franz Joseph Haydn*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please see insert: Third Sunday in Lent

***HYMN**

Come, ye disconsolate No.195

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we quiet our minds and hearts in your presence,
O God, we can feel a little frayed around the edges.
Information whirls around us, promising us things we think
we need.

**We confess we are easily distracted from your purposes.
We ignore your gift of living water which can ease our
thirst for those empty promises.**

**Hear us now in these moments of silence, as we
consider before you those opportunities we missed in**

the past week to meet you and serve you in our encounters.

(Silence)

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Renew in us the commitment to live as your people, as strong, free, confident and compassionate people who seek to follow Jesus day by day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the words of Christ:

Online: “Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.

In-person: The water that I will give them will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

One: Accept Christ's offer of refreshing love and forgiveness, meant for you this day.

PEACE OF CHRIST

People attending in-person and online will take turns offering the peace of Christ to one another.

In-person: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Online: And also with you.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

In-person: And also with you.

***HYMN**

As water to the thirsty No.688

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

Exodus 17:1-7 OT pg.64
Psalm 95 OT pg.550

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ave Verum Corpus by W. A. Mozart

SCRIPTURE - A DRAMATIZED READING

John 4:5-42

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In spirit and truth

*HYMN

Christ's is the world No.758

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING

One: We offer our gifts to God in gratitude,

All: trusting God to multiply what we bring.

OFFERTORY

I will lift mine eyes by Antonin Dvorak;
Neal Armstrong, soloist

*DOXOLOGY

*Give thanks for life, the measure
of our days, NO.613 v.1*

*Give thanks for life, the measure of our days;
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:
hallelujah!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God of mercy,

All: Guide us in spirit and in truth.

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 heard the voice of Jesus say No.671*

***SENDING**

Let us go now, to meet all thirsting for God.

We will share the living water with everyone we meet.

Let us go now, to listen as Jesus does with us.

**We will hear the stories and hearts of all
who are considered voiceless by our world.**

Let us go now, to bring the Spirit's wholeness to others.

**We will bring peace and healing to the broken and
lonely, even as they offer us hope and grace by their
lives.**

***SUNG BENEDICTION** *Go ye, go ye into the world No. 755*

*Go ye, go ye into the world,
and make disciples of all the nations.*

*Go ye, go ye now,
and I will be with you there!*

*Go ye, go ye into the world,
and take the gospel to all the people.*

*Go ye, go ye now,
and I will be with you there!*

*Go ye, go ye into the world,
and tell the story to all believers.*

*Go ye, go ye now,
and I will be with you there!*

POSTLUDE:

*Praeambulum in D Minor
by Heinrich Scheidemann*

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Marg Scripture: The Sitters

Usher: Caroline

Coffee Hour: Karen and Sylvia

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.
- **Election elections** began last Sunday and ends next Sunday March 15th. Members are eligible to vote and can be done by paper ballot or online. Speak to any elder if you have questions.
- Donation **tax receipts** can be picked up today.
- The **Lenten lunch-and-learn** is at 12:30pm as we learn about the "Holy Troublemaker" (Mister) Fred Rogers.
- Next Sunday, we celebrate **Nowruz (Iranian new year)** with Eli during the coffee hour.
- **LPC Reads... Theo of Golden**, by Allen Levi. We will discuss **Theo** at our next meeting, to be held on Zoom at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 2006. This is a book you may want to read more than once, but if you do not choose to purchase it, it is available as an ebook on Libby and on Audible. On Wednesday, April 29th, we will meet again to discuss **The Queen Who Came In From The Cold**, by S. J. Bennett. If you have any questions, please email Barry and Peggy.
- **Centering prayer** takes place online every Wednesday at 9am. Learn how to pray with others for twenty-minutes, deepening our relationship with God not through words but in silence. Email Paul for details.
- The **flowers** on the Communion Table are in celebration of the birth of **Amara Catherine Bell**, great niece of Anne Thomson. Born on February 23rd in Scotland and welcomed with abundant love and deep gratitude.

- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Elise H., Caroline C., Gladys S.**, and 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 March 8, 10:30am

- Third Sunday in Lent
- Lenten lunch-and-learn - Session 3 (12:30pm):
Holy Troublemaker: Mr. Fred Rogers

Sunday March 15, 10:30am

- Fourth Sunday in Lent with Rev. Don Muir
- Celebrating Nowruz - Iranian New Year
- Lenten lunch-and-learn - Session 4 (12:30pm):
Holy Troublemaker: Mary Oliver

Sunday March 22, 10:30am

- Fifth Sunday in Lent
- Lenten lunch-and-learn - Session 5 (12:30pm):
Holy Troublemaker: Gustavo Gutierrez

Sunday March 29, 10:30am

- Palm / Passion Sunday
- Lenten lunch-and-learn - Session 6 (12:30pm):
What Kind of Holy Troublemaker Are You?

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.

Compassionate God, you see the struggles of the poor and the burdens of the marginalized.

We lift up to you

those who are sick, suffering and in need of care.

May the Duncan Hospital be a refuge of your love, where the broken find restoration and the weary find peace.

Bless the hands of those who serve at the hospital—the doctors, nurses and other staff—

as they bring healing, comfort and hope to the most vulnerable.

Strengthen them to serve with humility and grace, that through their work, your kingdom of justice and mercy may shine.

Amen.

Written by the Duncan Hospital, a PWS&D partner in India.

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.