



Sunday, March 23, 2025  
The Third Sunday in Lent

### We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.* Ps. 117:1

Prelude *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639* J.S.Bach

\*Processional Hymn: *Come, let us to the Lord or God* #194

Welcome and Community Life News

Third Sunday in Lent Liturgy (see insert)

### We Worship God

The Call to Worship Brody Renaud

L.: Seek the Lord while God may be found. Call upon God who is near.

**P.: We will return to the Lord our God.**

L.: God's thoughts are not our thoughts. God's ways are not our ways.

**P.: We come, seeking new paths to follow.**

L.: As the heavens are higher than the earth so are God's ways higher than ours.

**P.: We come as pilgrims on the journey, praising God along the way. Let us worship God with thankful hearts!**

Introit: *Lead me, gently home* Will L. Thompson

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Praise Time **In The Valley**

When the path that I feared, is the way He has set

And I long to give in and retreat

Still to Jesus I hold, as I face every step

For the Lord He will give me His peace

***Bless the Lord He will give me His peace  
Bless the Lord He will give me His peace  
And if I should remain in the valley today  
Bless the Lord He will give me His peace***

When the road that I tread, fills my heart with despair  
And it seems that my grief has no end  
Still to Jesus I hold, who will walk with me there  
And the Lord He will give me His strength

***Bless the Lord He will give me His strength  
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And if I should remain in the valley today  
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On the road that You walked, with the weight of the cross  
All my pain and my sorrow You held  
So to You I shall hold, You redeem every loss  
For my Lord You have given Yourself

***Bless the Lord for He gives me Himself  
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### We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Sheryl Barton-Hope

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading – Psalm 63:1-8 Alireza Taghizadeh

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.

<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.

<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

<sup>5</sup> *My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips*

<sup>6</sup> ***when I think of you on my bed  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night,***

<sup>7</sup> *for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.*

<sup>8</sup> ***My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.***

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9

**OT p.685-686**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: *The Sinner and the Song*

Will L. Thompson

Sermon Beyond Measure: Embracing God's Abundance

Lynne Brampton-Lidkea

\*Hymn: *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

**#671**

**We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology

**#830**

\*Dedication of Offering

\*Recessional Hymn: *Be thou my vision*

**#461**

**We are Sent out as God's People**

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Musical Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe,  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

Postlude Adagio

C. Schweich

*\*if you are able, please stand*

*Welcome*

We welcome everyone who is worshipping here with us today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. You are invited to fill out a pew card.

**\*\* \*\*We welcome all children in worship. If you need to take a child out during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby. All children age 5 and under are welcome to remain in worship or go with a parent or guardian to our pre school and nursery room in the Christian Education Wing. Please speak to an usher for assistance.**



Please SILENCE your cellphone before worship.

Thank you.



**Sunday School Today**

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time. All children grades 1-6 are welcome.

**WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER, LYNNE LIDKEA!**

**Rev. Dr. Heather is away today** preaching and leading the Annual Congregational Meeting at St. Andrew's P.C. in Maple where she is the Interim Moderator.

We welcome Lynne Brampton-Lidkea back to our pulpit. Lynne is in the last year of her M. Div. degree studies at Presbyterian College in Montreal. This coming September, Lynne will be doing her student placement here at TPC under the supervision of Rev. Dr. Heather. We look forward to Lynne's message today.

**ATTENTION ALL MEN!**

We are pleased to announce that the tradition of the **TPC MEN** cooking our annual **Good Friday Breakfast** is a go again this year!

**We are looking for male volunteers to help out and for donations for breakfast items as well.**

If you are available to help or to donate breakfast items, we would be pleased to have you join the team.

Please come and see Bob Gargano after the service to sign up!

**ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR  
Annual Good Friday Breakfast and Worship Service**

on Good Friday – April 18, 2025

Breakfast is between 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

### IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Emily Terzo and Jordan Di Peppe  
at the birth of their daughter

**Joey Maria Terzo-Di Peppe**

Born on March 5, 2025 – weighing 7lb 2oz  
Congratulations to the Terzo Di Peppe family!



### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Monday Evenings

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**March 17, 2025 – April 10, 2025**

Dessert will be Served!

Please register in the Lobby.



*Walking with Jesus through Lent*



### UPCOMING FOOD COLLECTION

**Next Sunday, March 30th,**  
we will be gathering donations for  
the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank.

A detailed list of urgently needed items can be found  
on the display at the church entrance or on their website:  
[richmondhillcommunityfoodbank.ca](http://richmondhillcommunityfoodbank.ca).

To make it easier, shopping bags are available to help you include  
a few extra items during your shopping this week.

Thank you for your generous support!

### Thornhill Ministerial Lenten Series 2025

*One Body, Many Parts*

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

***The Diversity of the Body***

Thornhill United Church

25 Elgin Street

Speaker: The Rev. Paul Gibbon



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**Duty Elders: Norine Thomason and Doug Miron**

### UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### **Sunday, March 23, 2025**

9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

Children's Choir – Chapel

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Worship Service

ESL – Chapel

Lenten Series (TH United Church)

#### **Monday, March 24, 2025**

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Lenten Bible Study and dessert

#### **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

7:30 p.m.

ESL Class (cancelled today)

Mission and Outreach (Zoom)

#### **Thursday, March 27, 2025**

7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary

#### **Saturday, March 29, 2025**

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Art Class (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Sunday, March 30, 2025**

9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Children's Choir – Chapel

Chancel Choir

Worship – Baptism & New Members

ESL – Chapel

### Happy Nowruz to our Persian Members!



Nowruz, beginning the first day of Spring,  
is the Persian New Year.

Nowruz (meaning New Day) celebrates  
renewal and rebirth.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after church  
to celebrate with Traditional Persian food.