



Sunday March 27, 2022
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Lenten Sermon Series - The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus

We Prepare For Worship

- Praise Band
- Organ Prelude
- Silent Reflection

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord... Ps. 118:19-20

Welcome

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Grace Girard

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

P: Worship the LORD with gladness;

L: Come before God with joyful songs.

P: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving.

P: Give thanks to the Lord and praise his name.

L: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn *Come, let us to the Lord our God* #194 (1,3,6)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

People: And also with you.

Praise Time *Great is the Lord* (*see insert*)

Children shall leave to attend Sunday School

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Judy Chen

Scripture Reading *John 10:1-10* NT p. 103

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Gate Rev. Dr. H. Vais
Choir: Rain Down Cortez

We Respond to God's Word

Community Life News

Presentation of the Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Closing Hymn *Thou didst leave thy throne* #204

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**

Organ Postlude
**if you are able, please stand*



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. Our ushers are available to assist you.**



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

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.

COVID Restrictions: We ask that masks be worn at all times.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME!

Today is Heather Newsome's final day with us as our guest organist. We have been richly blessed by Heather's assistance in this time of transition.

Heather's gift of music ministry has been a blessing.

Next Sunday, April 3 our new organist, Paul Townshend, will be commencing his work with us as Director of Music Ministry.



ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES 2022

The third and last service in the series will be held Sunday, April 3rd at 4:00 p.m. on ZOOM.

The link to that service will be sent to you in the worship email just prior to April 3rd.

COVID Restrictions and Mandates

Due to Covid restrictions, **we ask that masks be worn at all times.** Singing is permitted in a speaking volume.

Building Use During COVID

Due to COVID requirements mandated by the provincial government, Polka Dot Preschool must fully sanitize the washrooms and classrooms each day prior to start of operations. The daycare facilities are fully sanitized on Friday evening in preparation for Monday. Please do not use the washrooms or any other rooms in the daycare area on Sunday so that we do not compromise the cleanliness. This will really help the daycare maintain a safe space for their children.

Thank you for your help and understanding.
Board of Managers

COVID MANDATES BEING LIFTED!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM SESSION

On the recommendation of our Return to Church Committee, the Session has decided that as of the end of March, we will be lifting proof of vaccination requirements and the mandatory mask requirement. However, we strongly encourage people to continue to wear a mask even after March 31, but it is not mandatory. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Gault, Clerk of Session, or Nadine Calfa, Administrator.

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Weekly Offerings and Gifts

To continue to support the church through your regular offerings during this pandemic there are several options available to do so.

Offerings can be mailed (address below) or dropped off at the church mail slot in the old wooden doors to the right of the entryway any time.

You may also donate on-line at Canada Helps through our web site at www.tpchurch.net or directly to Canada Helps.Org at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/thornhill-presbyterian-church/>

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAR) If you are interested in joining the PAR program contact Nadine at the church.

Thank you for your support!

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Another Way to Donate to Ukraine!

B'Nai Brith will have 2 large U-Haul Trailers
In the parking lot at the Promenade Mall
(Centre and Bathurst) on Sundays, March 20, 27 & April 3rd

From 11am to 2pm.

Donate **any goods** refugees can use,
including personal hygiene items.

Today

Reverend Heather will be leaving the service after the sermon today to moderate the Annual Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Maple, where she serves as the Interim Moderator in their vacancy.

The Open Door

The deadline for the Easter issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is Friday April 8th.

Please forward your articles to Garth Low at garth.low@garthlow.com.

Written submissions can be put in the Open Door newsletter

Appreciation for Maria & Stephanie



Now that the pandemic is subsiding, it gives us an opportunity to properly thank two people who have served TPC for many many years. On Sunday, May 1st, the Session will recognize and celebrate their service to our Church - Maria Lim for her 31 years of faithful service as Director of Music Ministry, and Stephanie Vandermey for her 16 years of faithful service as Office Administrator. We are also planning a time after the service for light refreshment in the Fellowship Hall where everyone will have an opportunity to meet and greet Maria and Stephanie.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT



Praise Time Great is the Lord



Great is the Lord
He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love

*Great is the Lord
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord
And worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord*

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I lift up my voice
I lift up my voice
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Hymn

Come, let us to the Lord our God

Come, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return;
our God is gracious, nor will leave
the desolate to mourn.

The night of sorrow long has reigned,
but dawn shall bring us light;
God shall appear, and we shall rise
with gladness in God's sight.

So shall God's presence bless our souls
And shed a joyful light,
That hallowed morn shall chase away
The sorrows of the night.

Hymn

Thou didst leave thy throne

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
when thou camest to earth for me,
but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
for thy holy nativity:
oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.

Even foxes found rest, and the birds had their nest
in the shade of the forest tree,
but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God,
in the deserts of Galilee:
oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.

When thou camest, O Lord, with the living word,
'twas to set all thy people free,
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn,
then we bore thee to Calvary:
oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
now thy cross is my only plea.

Heaven's arches shall ring and its choirs shall sing
at thy coming to victory;
let thy voice call me home, saying, 'Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee!'
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
when thou comest and callest me.