



Sunday April 3, 2022
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Lenten Sermon Series - The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus
We Prepare For Worship

Praise Band
Organ Prelude
Silent Reflection

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Welcome

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Mason Girard
L: God is the Gardener, and God is planting something new;
P: In this time of worship, may we grow in Christ.
L: God is pruning us back so we may bear fruit;
P: In this time of worship, may we repent, and know God's forgiveness.
L: God is nurturing us with water and Spirit, that we may blossom;
P: In this time of worship, may we praise our Creator and Sustainer!
L: Come, let us join together in worship;
P: Let us praise God, who is growing something new in us.
L: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn *In the cross of Christ I glory* #208

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*depts*)

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 Holy Spirit (*see insert*)

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time (*afterwards, the children may retire to the Sunday school*)

Prayer for Illumination Janet Gargano

Scripture Reading John 15:1-17 NT p. 109
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Vine Rev. Dr. H. Vais
Choir: All That I Am Himes

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 the Children's Story. 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.

WELCOME!

Today we welcome our new organist, Paul Townshend, who is commencing his work with us as Director of Music Ministry.

Paul is a graduate of St. Michael's Choir School in Toronto and has his ARCT (Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Music) in piano and organ, a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music from York University and a B. Ed from the University of Toronto.

In addition to being a church organist, Paul taught high school music for 31 years.



ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES 2022

The third and last service in the series will be held today at 4:00 p.m. on ZOOM.

The link to that service will be sent to you in the worship email.

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) today, April 3rd From 11am to 2pm.

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

Good Friday Breakfast – April 15, 2022

First time since 2019!!

Enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by the men of the congregation. Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you can donate food and/or your time to help prepare, please contact Abel Pandey.

abelpandy@rogers.com or 647-299-1285

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.



Praise Time Holy Spirit



There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close
No thing can compare, You're our living hope Your Presence

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

*Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord, Your Presence Lord*

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Oh God, how we love Your Presence Lord*

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness ... (Lord – 3rd time)

REPEAT 2X

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Hymn

In the cross of Christ I glory

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

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.