



Sunday February 5, 2023
We Prepare For Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

[The Lord] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Organ Prelude

*Processional Hymn: *He's got the whole world in his hands (printed)*

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship (Rev. 15:3-4) Grace Girard

L.: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

P: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

L.: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

P: All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

L: Let us worship God.

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 Down by the Riverside (*see green insert*)

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Sheila Gault

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm Psalm 147:1-11 (*see insert*) Jeanette Hallworth

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39 NT p. 35

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Why He Came Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

*Hymn: *Do Lord (printed)*

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *I'm gonna live so God can use me #648*

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*

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshiping 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.**



Sunday School Classes!

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.
If you wish to help reading scriptures contact the church office or speak with Garth Low or Rev. Heather***

Due to COVID, we encourage that masks be worn at all times.



Responsive Psalm

Psalm 147:1-11



- 1 Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God,
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**
- 3 He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**
- 5 Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**
- 9 He gives to the animals their food
and to the young ravens when they cry.
- 10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,**
- 11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday February 7, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm ESL Class in Fellowship Hall

Thursday February 9, 2023

1 - 3 pm Fitness Thursdays with Dr. Martin & Judy Chen

Saturday February 11, 2023

9 – 12 pm Event for Session in Fellowship Hall

Sunday February 12, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Worship Service

Weekly Offerings and Gifts

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

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the entry to the sanctuary each Sunday.

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!



The deadline for the next issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is Monday February 27th.

Please forward your articles to Garth Low at

garth.low@garthlow.com.

Written submissions can be put in the Open Door newsletter mail box located by the Chapel.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN CANADA



Please visit the table beside the library to see some interesting books available for you to sign out and read.

Today's Hymns

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

As the title implies, this traditional African American spiritual is a reminder that God is in control of all aspects of his creation and we should take comfort in his presence. From the birds in the air and the fish in the sea to "little bitsy babies" and grown-up gamblin' men, everything is in his hands. Different versions add more to God's grasp, including the sun and the moon, the land and the sea, and the wind and the rain. God's mighty rulership is mentioned throughout the Bible, including Job 12:10, which states: "In his hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of every human being." (Songfacts.com)

Do Lord Remember Me

Do Remember Me is an up-tempo workday song the enslaved meant to drive home the point that they were hurt and tired of not being acknowledged as human beings with dignity, pride and grace like everyone else. They were tired of being afraid, tired of the conditions forced upon them, and their saving grace was to use songs to speak to God. It is a chilling reminder of how damaging being enslaved is for the human soul and how vital it is to be free to tell your story. In American history the only way the enslaved could tell their story was in song, albeit necessary to keep it hidden in plain view for centuries because their lives depended on it. (from Calvin Earl: Ambassador of the American Spirituals).

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

The text of this Spiritual illustrates that strong communal values were compatible with both old African traditions and the newly forming nation. "I'm gonna live, work, pray and sing so (in a way) that God can use me anywhere, anytime."

Confirmation Classes Lunch Hosts



We are in need of **2** more lunch hosts. Please confirm with Nadine in the Church office if you wish to host.

We will assign dates once they are confirmed.

Sunday Morning Discovery!

Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:30 beginning February 5th.

Coffee will be provided.

This is a **basic** study group that deals with **basic** faith issues in **straight forward** ways.

Speak to Rev. Heather, Edmond Lee, or contact the office.

FITNESS THURSDAYS!

Church members Dr. Martin Chen (licensed M.D.) and his wife, Judy will be hosting an all-ages Fitness Drop-In for TPC members and adherents.

When: Thursdays January 26, February 2, and February 9

Time: From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Thornhill Presbyterian Church

Wear comfortable clothing and exercise shoes.

This will be a fun, supervised, and safe time for the congregation.

All are welcome!

Martin and Judy Chen

New Members!

We will be soon receiving new members into our church family.

If you are not a member and wish to become one, please speak with the Minister or an Elder.





Praise Time

Down by the Riverside



Continued...

Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside,
 Down by the riverside, down by the riverside
 Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside,
 And study war no more

CHORUS

*I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
 ain't gonna study war no more
 I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
 ain't gonna study war no more*

Gonna put on my long white robe, down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside, down by the riverside
 Gonna put on my long white robe, down by the riverside
 And study war no more

CHORUS

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside, down by the riverside
 Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside
 And study war no more

CHORUS

Gonna put on my starry crown, down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside, down by the riverside
 Gonna put on my starry crown, down by the riverside
 And study war no more.

CHORUS

Gonna put on my golden shoes, down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside, down by the riverside
 Gonna put on my golden shoes, down by the riverside
 And study war no more.

CHORUS

Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace, down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside, down by the riverside
 Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace, down by the riverside
 And study war no more.

CHORUS

gonna shake hands around the world, down by the riverside
 Down by the riverside, down by the riverside
 Gonna shake hands around the world, down by the riverside
 And study war no more.

CHORUS

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"Down by the Riverside" is an African-American spiritual that dates back before the American Civil War and sung by slaves as a work song. Songs were a major part of how geographic information was conveyed for the safe travel of slaves to the north during the times of the Underground Railroad. The reference to the riverside in the song, though originally referring to the River Jordan in the Bible, was believed to be a coded way to refer to the Ohio River, where slaves could find safe passage north. The song also refers to biblical imagery such as baptism (white robe), and Jesus (Prince of Peace) and heaven (road to heaven).

Continued...

Hymn

He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands. **x 3**
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the birds of the air. **x 3**
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the fish in the sea. **x 3**
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the little tiny baby in his hands. **x 3**
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands.
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands.
He's got everybody here in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands. **x 2**

Hymn

Do Lord

Chorus

***Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me
Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me
Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me
Look away beyond the blue***

I took Jesus as my saviour, you take him too.
I took Jesus as my saviour, you take him too.
I took Jesus as my saviour, you take him too.
Look away beyond the blue

Chorus

Way up in heaven my Saviour did fly
Way up in heaven my Saviour did fly
Way up in heaven my Saviour did fly
Look away beyond the blue

Chorus

Way up in heaven He sits on the throne
Way up in heaven He sits on the throne
Way up in heaven He sits on the throne
Look away beyond the blue

Chorus

Up there with Jesus, that's where I am bound
Up there with Jesus, that's where I am bound
Up there with Jesus, that's where I am bound
Look away beyond the blue

Chorus X 2

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Hymn

I'm going to live so God can use me

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)