



Sunday February 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent
We Prepare For Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 1 Cor. 12:9

Piano Prelude *The Beauty of the Cross* Brian Ray (b. 1955)

*Processional Hymn: *The Power of the Cross* (printed)
Keith Getty/Stuart Townend

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Kaleb Nogueron

L.: O God, you are a hiding place for us;

P: you preserve us from trouble.

L.: Let the faithful offer prayer and praise to God,

P: for in times of distress, God is with us.

L: The Lord will teach us the way we should go;

P: God's steadfast love always surrounds us.

L: So let us be glad in the Lord and rejoice in worship!

P: We will sing for joy with psalms of praise.

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 Kum Ba Yah (see insert)

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination Jessica Chapman

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm Psalm 32 (see insert) Alireza Taghizadeh

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 NT p. 3

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Questions in the Wilderness Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

*Hymn: *Out of my bondage, sorrow and night* #193

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Choir Anthem: God So Loved the World John Stainer (1840-1901)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Forty days and forty nights* #197

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 *Solemn Tokkata* Harold Rohlig (1926-2014)

**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.**



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.

Hymn

The Power of the Cross

Keith Getty/Stuart Townend



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day, Christ on the road to
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - en on your face, bear - ing the awe - some
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its Mak - er
 4. Oh to see my name writ - en in the wounds, for through your suf - f'ring



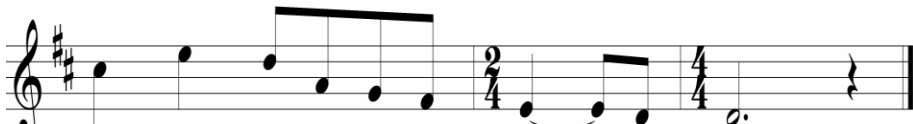
Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, turned and beat - en, then
 weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed,
 bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood. This, the pow'r of the
 crown - ing your blood - stained brow.
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
 won through your self - less cry.



cross, Son of God slain for us. What a life, what a



cost; we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday February 26, 2023 – First Sunday in Lent

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room
 11:00 am Worship Service
 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Confirmation Class in the Conference Room
 12:10 pm Annual Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary and by Zoom
 4:00 pm Thornhill Ministerial Lenten Service at Thornhill Baptist Church

Tuesday February 28, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm ESL Class in Fellowship Hall
 7:30 pm BOM Meeting via Zoom

Sunday March 5, 2023 – Second Sunday in Lent

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room
 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!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The ACM will take place **TODAY** right after worship.

The meeting will be live in-person as well as on Zoom.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82115194831?pwd=QitCTjRXMEdBTVZvd29MTHYvNU5Xdz09>

Sunday Morning Discovery!

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

Coffee will be provided.

Topic: Temptation

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

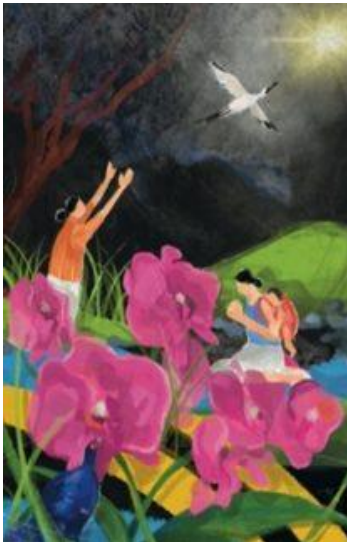
Speak to Rev. Heather, Edmond Lee, or contact the office.

The Open Door

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.



Friday, March 3, 2023 is the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.**

The theme for this year is "*I have heard about your faith*" based on Ephesians 1: 15-19. The worship service has been written by the women of Taiwan.

The artwork was created by Hui-Wen HSAIO and depicts women sitting by a stream, praying silently, and looking up into the dark. Despite the uncertainty of the path ahead, they know that the salvation of Christ has come.

A version of the service is available on-line at wicc.org or it may be viewed on YESTV Saturday March 4th at 8:30 am.

Confirmation Classes

The second confirmation class

Begins at 11:00 am (until noon)

All teens are asked to go directly to the conference room opposite the copy room.

Thornhill Ministerial
Lenten Series 2023
Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

Gathering



as God's People

February 26

Gathering for Worship
Thornhill Baptist Church
8018 Yonge Street
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

March 12

Gathering to Grow
Thornhill United Church
25 Elgin Street
Speaker: Rev. Paul Gibbon

If you cannot make it in person, this service will be livestreamed on the Thornhill Baptist Facebook page facebook.com/thethornhillbaptist

March 26

Gathering for Service
St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church
39 Green Lane
Speaker: Mini Choi



Praise Time Kum Ba Yah

Someone's sleeping, my Lord, Kumbaya
Someone's sleeping, my Lord, Kumbaya
Someone's sleeping, my Lord, Kumbaya
Oh Lord, Kumbaya

Someone's dreaming, my Lord, Kumbaya
Someone's dreaming, my Lord, Kumbaya
Someone's dreaming, my Lord, Kumbaya
Oh Lord, Kumbaya

Someone's crying, my Lord, Kumbaya
Someone's crying, my Lord, Kumbaya
Someone's crying, my Lord, Kumbaya
Oh Lord, Kumbaya

Someone's laughing, my Lord, Kumbaya
Someone's laughing, my Lord, Kumbaya
Someone's laughing, my Lord, Kumbaya
Oh Lord, Kumbaya

Someone's singing, my Lord, Kumbaya
Someone's singing, my Lord, Kumbaya
Someone's singing, my Lord, Kumbaya
Oh Lord, Kumbaya

Come by here, my Lord, Kumbaya
Come by here, my Lord, Kumbaya
Come by here, my Lord, Kumbaya
Oh Lord, Kumbaya

Kumbayah my lord, Kumbayah
Kumbayah my lord, Kumbayah
Kumbayah my lord, Kumbayah
O Lord, Kumbayah

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Responsive Psalm Psalm 32

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² **Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up[Ⓜ] as by the heat of
summer. *Selah***

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

⁶ **Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ **Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Hymn

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness into thy health,
out of my want and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into the glorious gain of thy cross,
Jesus, I come to thee;
out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,
out of life's storms and into thy calm,
out of distress to jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love,
out of despair into raptures above,
upward for aye on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home,
Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold,
into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Hymn

Forty days and forty nights

Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Saviour, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fall!

So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, oh keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.