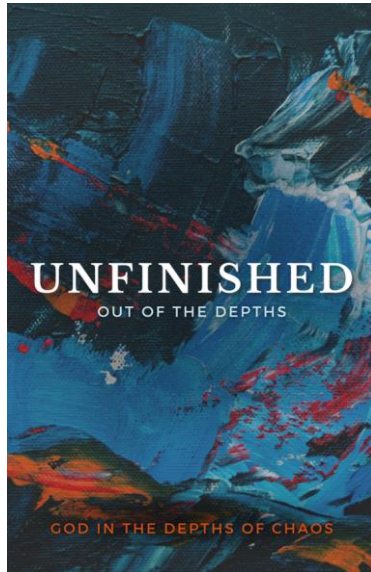




Sydenham Street United Church



Reverend Catherine Elsdon
Third Sunday in Lent
3 March 2024
11:00 am

The lands on which we are meeting today are the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We deeply respect the many generations of people who have cared for this land, and whose spiritualities, teachings and ways of knowing are closely tied to it. We seek to build right relations with these Peoples, to learn from them, and to live together on this land with respect and gratitude.

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Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Introit He Shall Call Upon Me

– Heally Willan

Call to Worship

~ by Joanna Harader

The word of God came to Jonah

The word of God comes to us:

Go

Despite your fears

Speak

the truth of God

Love

your neighbor and your enemy

Forgive

as you have been forgiven

Receive

grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.

Hymn

More Voices 12 “Come Touch Our Hearts” (verses 1-4)

Theme Conversation

Lent Candle Liturgy

Prayer:

God of creation and compassion,

we do not always

perceive our neighbors as you do.

Whereas your heart overflows with love for all creation,

ours often wane.

candle is extinguished

Expand the walls of our hearts

so that they can welcome others as you do.

Assurance

More Voices 62 "There Is Room for All" x2

Scripture

Jonah 3

One: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Voices United 112 "O God, How We Have Wandered"

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Dedicating our Gifts

God of abundance,
you have called us to be the church,
and so we share our skills, resources, and love.
Committed to the way of generosity, kindness, and grace,
we offer ourselves.

Receive all we offer today.

May each person who is touched by this offering
know your love for them. Amen.

by Laura Turnbull, from Gathering Worship

Centering Music – a time for quiet reflection

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

A Paraphrase by Jim Cotter

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name
echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

Anthem When Jesus Wept

William Billings

Sermon Series “Unfinished: Out of the Depths”

Hymn **Voices United 375** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Blessing & Passing the Peace



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Thank You for Talents Shared Today:

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