



## Kanata United Church

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, April 3, 2022

### Gathering

**Prelude:** Prelude in C major BWV 846 – *J. S. Bach*

### Lighting of the Christ Candle & Words of Welcome

**Opening Hymn:** “Each Blade of Grass”

**MV # 37**

1. *Each blade of grass, ev’ry wing that soars,  
the waves that sweep across a distant shore,  
make full the circle of God.  
Each laughing child, ev’ry gentle eye,  
a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky,  
make full the circle of God.*
2. *Each silent paw, ev’ry rounded stone,  
the buzz that echoes from a honey’d comb,  
make full the circle of God.  
Each fire-brimmed star, ev’ry outstretched hand,  
the wind that leaps and sails across the land,  
make full the circle of God.*
3. *Each icy peak, ev’ry patterned shell,  
the joyous chorus that the dawn foretells,  
make full the circle of God.  
Each cosmic hue, ev’ry creature’s way,  
all form the beauty of this vast array,  
making full the circle of God.*

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## **Call to Worship** *(by the leader)*

## **Prayer of Approach** *(read responsively)*

Creator and Sustainer of all that is,  
we offer thanks for what you have given us:  
the healing and the helping, the coming together of your people  
in this time of change and challenge.

**Loving God, remind us through the Spirit:  
we are never alone, and you are ever near.  
You are with us in every challenge, every joy,  
every new birth, and every tearful goodbye.**

In seeking you, ever-present God, we are comforted in  
knowing that we are not alone. Amen.

## **Sung Invocation:** “Open Our Hearts”

**MV # 21**

*Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts.*

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## **Acknowledgment of the Land**

In this season of Lent, as we reflect upon our journey of faith and our spiritual interconnectedness, we acknowledge that we gather on unceded Algonquin territory - land and waters not negotiated, purchased or discovered - land and waters that hold a history and tell a story that needs to be given voice, heard, and respected. We acknowledge and give thanks for the First Peoples of the past who lived on and loved this land, travelled its waterways, and breathed its air before us and for those who are present among us now.

## **Seeking the Light of Christ in The World**

### **Prayer of Confession** *(in unison)*

**A wandering Aramean was our ancestor.  
Ever-present, ever-loving God, we confess that there is  
a wanderer in each of us, and that wandering  
doesn't always take us to your promised land.**

**Be with us as we continue to walk through  
this Season of Lent. Open us up to the truth of Your word,  
the power of Christ's journey to Cross, and the  
gentleness of the Spirit that carries us back to you.**

**Empower us to empty ourselves of all that holds  
us back, trusting that you will fill us with what we need.**

**Sung Response:** "Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New"

**MV # 115**

*Behold, behold I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold I make all things new,  
my promise is true for I am Christ the way.*

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## **Words of Assurance**

**Children's Hymn:** "And on This Path"

**MV # 8**

- 1. And on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide, x3  
Open wide! Open wide!  
the gates open wide!*
- 2. So enter in,  
the gates of holiness are open wide, x3  
Open wide! Open wide!  
the gates are open wide!*

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## **A Time for the Children**

**Hymn:** "I Am the Dream"

**MV # 106**

- 1. I am the dream and you the dreamer.  
I am the song and you are the rhyme.  
You are the tune sung in every silence.  
You are the now in the endless stream of time.*
- 2. I am the bell and you the silence.  
You are the yearning I cannot curtail.  
I am the blest and you the blessing.  
You are the wilds in which I lose my trail.*

3. *You are the word and I the echo.  
You are the leader and I am the led.  
You are the joy and I the laughter.  
You are the Rock on which I lay my head.*

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## Passing of the Peace

*You are invited to pass the Peace to those around you.*

# The Word Read and Proclaimed

## Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:16–21

*Look, I am doing something new.*

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

### Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:4b–14

*I count everything as loss but knowing Christ.*

<sup>4</sup> even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **Gospel Lesson:** John 12:1–8

*Mary anoints Jesus with costly ointment.*

**12** Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

## **Musical Meditation**

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn:** "Said Judas to Mary"

**VU # 129**

1. *Said Judas to Mary, "Now what will you do with your ointment so rich and so rare?" "I'll pour it all over the feet of the Lord and I'll wipe it away with my hair," she said, "wipe it away with my hair."*
2. *"Oh Mary, Oh Mary, oh think of the poor -- this ointment, it could have been sold, and think of the blankets and think of the bread you could buy with the silver and gold," he said, "buy with the silver and gold."*
3. *"Tomorrow, tomorrow I'll think of the poor Tomorrow," she said, "not today; for dearer than all of the poor in the world is my love who is going away," she said, "my love who is going away."*

4. *Said Jesus to Mary, "Your love is so deep  
today you may do as you will.  
Tomorrow you say I am going away,  
but my body I leave with you still," he said,  
"my body I leave with you still."*
  
5. *"The poor of the world are my body," he said,  
"to the end of the world they shall be,  
the bread and the blankets you give to the poor  
you'll know you have given to me," he said,  
"you'll know you have given to me."*
  
6. *"My body will hang on the cross of the world  
tomorrow," he said, "not today,  
and Martha and Mary will find me again  
and wash all the sorrow away," he said,  
"wash all the sorrow away."*

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## Response to The Word

### Invitation to the Offering and Prayer

#### Offertory: "What Can I Do?"

**MV # 191**

*What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love, I'll do my share. I'll do my share.*

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### Prayers of the People

*The Prayers of the People will be followed by the Lord's Prayer.*

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

1. *Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*
3. *Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou my heavenward, O power of my power.*
4. *Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*
5. *Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

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## **Commissioning & Benediction**

**Postlude:** The White Cliffs of Dover – *Nat Burton & Walter Kent*

*Thank  
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*Thank you to our Scripture Reader – Julia Duffy*

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