

CAMBRIDGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

Lindsay, Ontario, Canada

March 10, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

Minister: Rev. Sharon Campbell-Rayment

Director of Music: Erwin Stroobach

Audio-Visual: Walt Radda

Today's service is being live-streamed

10 minutes before worship

begins and ending after the postlude and announcements.

Order of Service

VU – Voices United hymn book MV – More Voices

Bold Print indicates congregational response

* You may choose to stand or sit

OPEN DOORS

Prelude: *Amazing Grace* arr. Hal Hopson

The Gift of Love setting by John Carter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle (the candle is lit)

As we journey through Lent, as we move towards the darkness of the cross, we light a candle to remind us of the Light that cannot be put out.

May its light remind us that we are not alone, in the good and the bad of life, we are not alone.

May the light shine, gathering us in and bringing us to a place of calm and shalom.

Christ our Light!

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Land Acknowledgement

The land on which this building sits is land that has been walked on, hunted on, and lived on for thousands of years. **It is etched in footprint, fire, and faithfulness on the soil and rock that surrounds us.**

We covenant to live and work together on this the Mississauga lands covered by the Williams Treaties.

We share this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Let us worship God in honour of these relationships this day.

Amen

Call to Worship

We gather here today as we always do, gracious God, knowing you are here.

We continue our Lenten journey discerning what it means to truly follow Jesus.

Help us to be mindful that we are all connected to each other, to the earth, and to you.

Set us on a renewed path during this Lenten journey. This we pray in Jesus' name, whose path we follow. Amen.

***Hymn: *Spirit, Open My Heart* MV #79**

Prayer of Approach

Holy One, who gives us everlasting love, be with us as we open our hearts and minds in worship.

We give thanks for Jesus, for all he teaches us about the relationship of faith and life.

In this Season of Lent, we pray for your guidance on our own path of faith, that we will have the wisdom to accept the miracles you have bestowed upon us.

Let our hearts be open to the great mysteries of the gospel.

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We ask that we may feel your loving presence in this place as we sing your praises. **Amen.**

The Jesus Prayer

A Time with the Children

Children are invited to leave for Kids Corner

OPEN MINDS

Scripture Readings

God of love: as we open the scriptures this day,
let us take heart, for you are calling to us.

As we seek your will for us, free our spirits to
receive the truths that you have for us today. Amen.

Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Reading: John 3:14-21

***Ministry of Music:** *Lamb of God* Twila Paris, arr. Craig Courtney
Flutist: Artemis Chartier

Message: Sharing Grace

OPEN HEARTS AND HANDS

***Hymn:** *Amazing Grace* VU #266

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves: Time, Talents, and Treasure

Through this offering, we are given an opportunity to give thanks to God. We are given an opportunity to make a difference in each other's lives and in the life of the world around us. Let us present our offerings.

Offertory: *Prayer* Erwin Stroobach
CSU Handbell Quartet

Song of Dedication: *We Give You But Your Own* VU # 542

Prayer of Response:

Loving God, we come before you today in humility,
acknowledging the gifts you give us. We ask that you now
receive our gifts, the fruits of our labours, our hands, and our
hearts. May they be used to glorify your name. Amen.

Sung Refrain: *Listen to Your Children Praying* VU #400

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** *How Firm a Foundation* VU #660

*** Commissioning:**

Go in peace. And on your journey, may you have the boldness
to come to Jesus just as you are, ready to be transformed into
followers led by the Holy Spirit who journeys through this
world in peace, in faith, and in love.

Sung Benediction: *Go Now in Peace*

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 God 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. Amen. Amen.

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***Benediction**

May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and evermore.

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SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE - The Search Committee is calling a congregational meeting for March 10th, 2024, immediately following the service in the sanctuary to present a name for the called ministry position at Cambridge St. United Church.

***All are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments
in the Cambridge Hall gymnasium following
the Congregational Meeting.***