

CAMBRIDGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

Lindsay, Ontario, Canada
March 3, 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: *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* J.G. Walther

Worship Band:

- *Morning Has Broken* VU #409
- *Gather Us In*, 2x MV #7

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! **Christ our light!**

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Land Acknowledgement

Cambridge St. United Church within the City of Kawartha Lakes respectfully acknowledges the Mississauga lands and the traditional territory covered by the Williams Treaties.

We are grateful for the opportunity to work here, and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land - for thousands of years.

We recognize and deeply appreciate the historic connection to this place, helping us to shape and strengthen this community and country as a whole.

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

Call to Worship

God calls us each and every moment of the day.

God calls us through the tears of sadness.

God calls us through the tears of joy.

God calls. How we acknowledge it is up to us.

Our choice to gather to worship is one way we accept God's call. **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn: *All Who Are Thirsty*, 2x MV #4**

Prayer of Approach

Holy One, Word of Life, in these days of Lent,
lead us through the wilderness where nothing seems
familiar and into a place where we notice you calling
us.

**Lead us into a new day where we trust you with our
fears because we know you sent us Jesus to show us
a better way to face the unknown.**

In this season of Lent, travel with us as we face the
places in our lives that would keep us living in fear.

**Guide us God towards love, and may your Spirit find
us willing. May it be so, loving God! Amen.**

The Jesus Prayer

A Time with the Children

Children are invited to leave for *Kids Corner*

OPEN MINDS

Ministry of Music: *Jesus, Clear the Temple* Pepper Choplin

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: John 4:1-14 Woman at the Well - The Message

Reading: Luke 8:43-48 - Contemporary English Version

Message

OPEN HEARTS AND HANDS

***Hymn:** *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar* VU #590

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

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

Prayer of Response:

For the gifts you have given, we give you thanks, O God.
For the gifts that we have the opportunity to give, we give you thanks, O God.
May you bless these gifts for the work of your church, here and in the world, where all may know your love. Amen.

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

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** *We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)* VU 595

*Commissioning:

Let us go and marvel in the beauty of God's world and share that beauty everywhere our travels take us.

Let us be shepherds and care for others while we follow the Good Shepherd and learn how to love.

Even if it turns our world upside down, we will be leaders, as we are disciples of the name.

Whether we are traveling in the light or resting in the dark, know that our home is in God. Go, blessed, for you are loved and a blessing to others. **Amen.**

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* **Sung Benediction: *Take Up Your Cross* VU #561, verse 1**

***Benediction**

Go to the world with the power of the Spirit.

Go in unity and peace.

You are children of God, disciples of Christ,

Go with God's blessing to fulfill your purpose, as ambassadors
of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

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

LOOKING AHEAD

March 6	Noon Hour Concert 12:00 pm
March 10	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. – Lent 4 Congregational Meeting following the service Prayer Shawl Circle 1:30 pm
March 13	Noon Hour Concert 12:00 pm
March 15	<i>Pint of Blarney</i> Concert 7pm
March 17	Worship Service 10:30 am – Lent 5
March 20	Noon Hour Concert 12:00 pm
March 24	Palm Sunday Service 10:30 am
March 29	Good Friday Service 10:30 am
March 31	Easter Sunday Service 10:30 am