### **CUMMER AVENUE UNITED CHURCH**



Kindness • Justice • Hope

We are an inclusive Christian community celebrating God's presence as we work to enrich lives and transform our world.

**Ministers:** The Congregation

**Lead Minister:** Rev. Cheryl-Lynn MacPherson

**Congregational Care** 

Minister:Karen SheaDirector of Music Ministries:Taylor SullivanProgram Director, Drop-Inn:Dolores DoucetteChurch Administrator:Heather Miller

## Sunday, March 22, 2020, 9:00 a.m. Lent 4

**bold face type:** congregational response VU: Voices United, MV: More Voices,

As we gather today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous people of this region, most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who are Anishinaabe Ojibwe people. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations with them as we live, work, and worship upon their traditional territory. We are also mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

Music: This Day God Gives Me (VU#410, vv. 1&2)

#### Call to Gather

May the God of grace be welcome in our midst.

May we receive the power and peace of divine love.

Come let us worship with our hearts and minds and bodies.

Let us become one seeking justice and compassion.

Blessed be God who challenges, heals, and unites us.

Blessed be our learning and blessed be our vision.

Blessed be God who inspires all things to be new.

## **Prayer for Wholeness**

Music: Take, O Take Me As I Am (MV#85)

Bible Reading: John 9:1-11

This text invites us to wonder what it would it would be like to have

our eyes open and see things in new ways.

**Reflection:** A Different Way to Look at Things

- Rev. Cheryl-Lynn MacPherson

Music: Be Thou My Vision (VU# 642, vv. 1&5)

### **Prayers of the People**

#### The Prayer of Jesus

(You are invited to pray in the language of your choice)

Loving God in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

**Musical Meditation:** Canon in D+ - Pachelbel

## **Blessing**

We leave this time of worship knowing that we are not alone. While we cannot be together in body, we can continue to be together in spirit. Reach out. Call a friend. Call a neighbour. Share Kindness, Justice and Hope wherever you can.

# Lyrics

## This Day God Gives Me (VU#410, vv. 1&2)

This day God gives me strength of high heaven, sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth, flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness, deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.

This day God sends me strength to sustain me, might to uphold me, wisdom as guide. Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening, your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.

## Take, O Take Me As I Am (MV#85)

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

### **Be Thou My Vision** (VU# 642, vv. 1&5)

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.

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.

Lyrics reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, license #A712863