



Leaside Presbyterian Church

***To grow in relationship with Jesus Christ,
so that we feel loved and share God's love with others.***

March 30 - 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* by J. S. Bach
The prelude which starts a few minutes before 10:30am, sets the tone for what is to follow, inviting worshipers to gather, to transition from their busy lives into a sacred place of communion with God and with each other.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

PWS&D insert

*HYMN *All my hope on God is founded* No. 462

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One, the space between us is too great—

All: this agonizing expanse between you and us:

One: The rift we have created by demanding our share.

All: The distance we have put between us as we flee to a far country.

One: The resentment we hold when things don't seem fair.

All: Our refusal to join your gracious party.

One: Forgive each selfish request

All: each step away

One: each bitter thought

All: each joyless rejection.

One: Forgive us

All: and run toward us with open arms.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN *God of the sparrow, God of the whale* No. 307

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear your Word with joy. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32 Pg OT 506

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

CHOIR ANTHEM

City Called Heaven

by Josephine Poelinitz

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 pg NT 78

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A costly love

*HYMN

Softly and tenderly No. 640

OFFERING *Down to the River to Pray* arr. Philip Lawson

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God No. 318

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. AMEN

*HYMN

Amazing grace (vv. 1,2,3,6) No. 670

*SENDING

One: The Prodigal God sends us to celebrate...

**All: for we have a God who is filled with
compassion.**

One: The Prodigal God sends us to celebrate...

All: because we have a God who welcomes us home.

One: The Prodigal God sends us to celebrate...

All: with all people, especially those who feel lost or forsaken.

One: The Prodigal God sends us to celebrate...

All: for in God we have been found.

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION

Go now in peace No. 622

POSTLUDE

Praeambulum in D Minor

by Heinrich Scheidemann

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Caroline Cassin Scripture: Olivia Dodge

Usher: Nancy Weir Coffee Hour: Bob and Jane Elliott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us following worship for refreshments and fellowship in Glebe Community Room if you are here in person. Please stay with us for our virtual coffee hour following worship if you are online.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- **Thank you to Eli** for leading us last Sunday in the celebration of **Nowruz**, the Persian new year.
- **Thank you to the elders** who, along with Paul, make up the session. They met online last Tuesday for their monthly meeting. The session is responsible for the spiritual care of the church. If you don't know who your elder is, please speak to Paul or Grace.
- The fourth session of the **Sanctuary Course**, a course on mental health and faith, takes place today at 12:30pm. Please speak to Paul or Sylvia for more information.
- Come join us online every Wednesday at noon for a twenty-minute **guided meditation**. This ancient Christian spiritual practice is rooted in the belief that God's peace, which is available to all of us, is as close to us as our very

own breath. It is a gift that is to be received and nurtured continuously as we learn how to let go and be still in the quiet of God's loving presence. For more information, please speak to Paul. For the Zoom link, please see the Friday email.

- Next Sunday, we welcome the **Rev. Shahrzad Kandalaff**, co-convenor of the **Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)** governance team. She will preach and bring to our attention some of the work that is being accomplished through PWS&D.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land. Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this land from those who have gone before us. Wherever we are, we recognize the responsibility of caring for this land to pass on to those who come after us. We are grateful for this gift of being on this land.

USEFUL CONTACTS

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