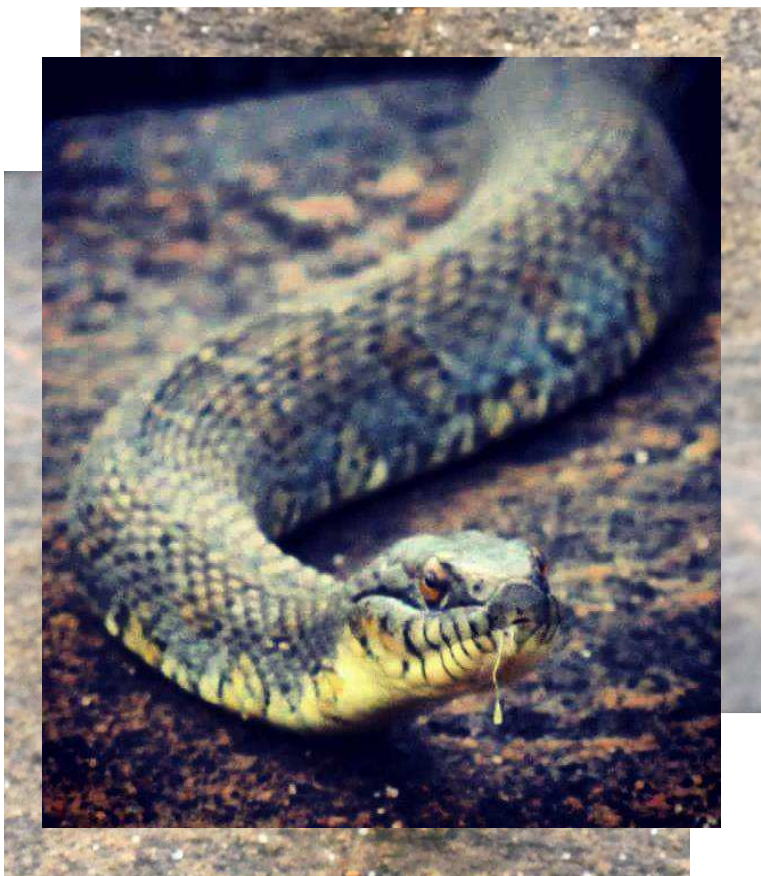

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March 15, 2015 – Lent 4
Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Davies

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Announcements

Greet Your Neighbour

Prelude **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

(arr. Becki S. Mayo)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Listen to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law shall go forth from me;
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

Isaiah 51:4

The Christ Candle is lit

* Processional Hymn

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

VU 559

Call to Worship

One: Come, faithful people, and find that quiet centre
where God may enter in.

**All: We gather as God's people:
hungry for holy presence,
ready for God's Word to us.**

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**All: Beginner of all things,
begin in us again:
take these tired limbs
and rouse them to dance your joy
from sunbreak to sundown.
Help us, O Blessed One,
to shake off our weariness
that we may know new life in you
and offer it to one another.**

**As we pray as Jesus first taught his disciples.
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 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,
the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. AMEN.**

Minute for Mission **Filled with Music** *Doug Riddell*

Old Testament Lesson: **Numbers 21:4-9**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

* Children's Hymn

Come, Children, Join to Sing

VU 345

Children's Time:

Children's Prayer

Anthem **What Grace and Beauty Shone**

(Crawford R. Thoburn)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

One: God of call, God of transformation,

God of the Lenten journey;

help us to discern your still, small voice.

Open us to change and growth

that we may walk with Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: **John 3:14-21**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon **“Facing Fear”**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* Hymn **Now Thank We All our God**

VU 236

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offering

Offertory Music **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

(arr. Hal Hopson)

* Offering Response: **We Bring Our Gifts to Share**

We bring our gifts to share,

and lift our grateful prayer

That with our faithful care,

our world will grow.

Through work of minds

and hands in gestures small or grand,

Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.

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* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

All: Bless these gifts that we give today,

for we lift our eyes

**and see there is much we can do to bring about
wholeness and healing in our world.**

**May they contribute in bringing light to dark
places. Amen**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn **Let Us with a Gladsome Mind**

VU 234

Commissioning:

One: As you leave this sacred space, remember God stands with you in shadowed and dangerous places. Remember your sacredness, remember your place in the eternal flow of life, realize that when the road is tough, God's love is steadfast and overcomes every fear.

All: We will flood the world's shadowed and dangerous places with the love of God that is stronger than fear. Amen

* Choral Benediction

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.

("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price ©1988)

POSTLUDE If Thou But Trust n God to Guide Thee

(J.S. Bach)

Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:

Marshall Memorial United, Ancaster. Hamilton Presbytery

MUSIC NOTES

Lowell Mason (1792-1872) is considered by many to be the father of public school music education in North America but he was also a leading reformer in church music. As an educator, he established the first public school music program in the United States and was influential in the training of music teachers. As a church musician he was responsible for the inclusion of music notation in hymn books and he developed the practice of congregational singing rather than having services sung solely by professional singers. He also wrote and arranged over 1200 hymn tunes including 'My Faith Looks Up To Thee,' 'Nearer My God to Thee,' 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,' and 'Joy to the World'.

IN OUR CHURCH:



Easter Lilies & Hydrangeas will be purchased through the Flower Fund to decorate sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to make a memorial donation of \$10.00 to the Flower Fund, please sign the sheet in the narthex or on the bulletin board by the Church Office **by March 29th**. Place

your donation in an envelope with your name and **mark “*Easter Flower Fund*”** and leave on the collection plate. A list of the names of the donors will be included in the Easter church bulletin.

Book Nook: **Humphrey’s First Palm Sunday** *written and illustrated by Carol Heyer*. A lovely book to share with your children. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.



Wednesday - Weekly Lenten Lunch - **12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.** in the Rainbow Room. A different congregation will provide food & leadership each week through Lent. **All are welcome!**



Office hours during spring break: Monica will be in the church office Thursday and Friday next week. Voice mail and emails will be checked as usual.

SJR Reads **Monday, March 23 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Church Parlour (enter at Kensington Ave doors.) All are welcome. Bring along a friend! If you need a ride, please let us know - there are several people who are willing to provide transportation.



Our *Volunteers* ROCK!

AV Crew	Jim Carse, & Crew
BookNook	Steve Wardell
Greeters	Ed & Ellen Edwards Marion McCarter & Fran Crandell
Gather ‘n’ Gab	Nancy Ebel
Counters	Jim Carse, Roy Knight, Brian Madill
Ushers	Grace Alton & Nancy Ebel, Roy Knight & Evelyn Shantz
Nursery	Margaret Shoesmith, Sr.
Sunday School	Kelly McLarnon-Sinclair
Lay Reader	Eli Tracey

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Spring has Sprung Celebration! *Sat. Mar. 21 5:45 p.m.* First United Church, Roast Beef Dinner \$18 - Children 12 and under \$5

Pork Schnitzel & Cabbage Roll Dinner Thurs., March 26, 5:30 - 7:00 Christ The King United, 167 Thaler Ave, Kitchener. Advance Tickets only by March 22: Adults \$17, Children 6-11 \$5, 5 & under free. Call **Contact the Church Office**

Coming ecumenical prayer services with Taizé songs:

- Palm-Passion Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 7:30pm at St. Agatha Catholic Church 1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha (intersection of Erbs Road) 519 747 1212
- Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 7:30 PM hosted by Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church 57 Stirling Ave N, Kitchener 519-745-4769
- Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 7:30pm hosted by Church of the Good Shepherd 116 Queen St. North Kitchener 519-743-3845

Maundy Thursday Services - April 2nd:

Bridgeport United - Seder meal at 6 p.m. followed by service at 7 p.m.

Calvary United - Service at 7 p.m.

Trinity United - Potluck meal at 6 p.m. followed by communion service.

Five Oaks Cake Walk and Bake Sale - Thursday, April 2, 6-7 p.m. at Five Oaks Retreat Centre, 1 Bethel Road, Paris.

Five Oaks Annual General Meeting, April 26, 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. RSVP by April 17th to **Contact the Church Office.**

CGIT 100th Anniversary Celebrations at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, May 29-31, 2015. Calling all girls, leaders, alumnae or anyone who has been associated with Canadian Girls In Training. All meals, lodging, and activities are included in the \$25 registration fee! Register by April 10th. Details and registration form attached. For more info contact Marilyn Hill: **Contact the Church Office.** See info posted on Community Bulletin Board

Birthright: We Need You! BIRTHRIGHT is unique. We provide non-judgmental support and love to pregnant women and their unborn children. Birthright is not involved in any religious movements, political activities, or lobbying. Our focus is on loving the mother, and helping her help herself. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! You can work as an office volunteer, or you can keep our baby and maternity clothes in order, or a volunteer supervisor, or how about a Board Member? Birthright welcomes volunteers of any age, race, gender, or religion. If you feel you could be a Birthright volunteer, please call **Contact the Church Office**

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Mar. 18 **Lenten Lunch** - Noon in the Rainbow Room
- ☐ Mar. 18 **VBS Video Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Mar. 23 **SJR Reads** 1:30-3:30 in the Parlour
- ☐ Mar. 29 **Palm Sunday & Scouts Food Bank Drive**
- ☐ Apr. 2 **Maudy Thursday Services** - see bulletin
- ☐ Apr. 3 **Good Friday Service** at Forest Hill 10:00 a.m.
- ☐ Apr. 5 **Easter Sunrise Service** 7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast 8 - 9:30 a.m.
Easter Communion Service 10:30 a.m.



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