

Dunsford United Church
February 4, 2024 – Fifth After Epiphany
Pulpit Presider: Rev. Anne Hepburn

†= stand as you are able

WELCOME AND CELEBRATIONS (Birthdays/Anniversaries, etc.)

† GATHERING HYMN: VU#220 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (J. Neander)

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again:
gladly with praise we adore him.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION CANDLE

Each Sunday morning, we gather around this candle, a symbol of Christ. This ritual brings focus to our time of worship; a time when we pause to renew our faith and spiritual life with our Creator.

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

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LANDS (Unison)

We acknowledge, honour and respect this land and the Anishinaabe / Mississauga peoples with whom Treaty 20, Williams treaty, was signed, on the lands where we are. We acknowledge and give thanks for the lands and people of treaties and unceded territories of all who are worshipping. It is up to all of us to live into truth, respect and reconciliation with all our relations.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us sing songs of praise to God.

Let us rejoice in God our creator.

Let us lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us cry out to the one that saves us.

Let us dedicate our lives to serve God with joy,

Let us offer ourselves to the work of the kingdom.

Let us worship God!

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† HYMN: MV #154 "Deep in our Hearts" (John Oldham)

- 1 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.
- 2 Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message, justice and peace in harmony.
- 3 Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.
- 4 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, our light, our beauty, our rest.
With the appearance of your son,
You have brought us into your new creation.
Form us into your people, and order our lives in you,
Through Christ the living One. Amen**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "He is Here" Sylvia

INVITATION TO GIVE

Let us bring forward the offering.

† HYMN OF DEDICATION: VU #541 (Words: Thomas Ken)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy One

We offer these gifts to your work in this community.

May they lighten the loads of those who are burdened and feed those who are hungry.

We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen

STORY AND PRAYERS FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

How do we fix broken things?

CHILDREN'S HYMN: "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy"

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JUNIOR CHURCH

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Sylvia Van Belle

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Psalm 147:1-11 God heals the broken hearted (Read by Sylvia)

Praise the LORD!

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹ He gives to the animals their food
and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,^[a]

¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

New Testament Mark 1:29-39 Simon's Mother-in-law and many others healed.
(Read by Anne)

²⁹ As soon as they^[a] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

A Preaching Tour in Galilee

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

† HYMN: VU# 670 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Thomas A. Dorsey)

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

MESSAGE: "Healing the Broken"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *Please remember Kristen, Emma and Nancy in your prayers.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

WE ARE SENT OUT IN FAITH TO SERVE

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

Leave your burdens here and go in joy to love and serve our world. You are healed with everlasting care. You have been given a great gift. Go now to share it in peace.

† CHORAL RESPONSE: "Go Now in Peace" (Words: D Besig and N Price)

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 He 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting is Wed. Feb. 7th at 7 PM in the Church Hall.

Call for Leadership: DUC is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Vice Chair of the Board
- Spiritual Leadership Team Leader – This person will attend Board meetings. The team comprises Worship and Fellowship; Junior Church; and the United Church Women. The smaller groups provide their reports to the Team Leader to present to the Board.
- Leadership Development Team Leader (Ministry & Personnel)
- Treasurer – This position works with our Bookkeeper

For information or job descriptions, please speak to John L, Board Chair

- Sunday School and/or Jr. Church leaders – Vulnerable Sector Police Checks are required. Speak to Abigail C for more information.

Milk bag Mats: The group meets in the Church on Wednesdays at 10 AM. All are welcome to make mats and enjoy some fellowship. Speak with Shirley Wilkinson if you can volunteer.

World Day of Prayer: St. John's Anglican Church Dunsford invites you to the World Day of Prayer Service on Mar. 1 at 1:30 pm. This year's theme is "I beg you ...bear with one another in love" and is prepared by the WDP Committee of Palestine.

December Financials

Income:	\$31,939.25
	-\$23,269.00 Fed. Govt grant (doors)
	<u>-\$1,475.00 Memorial Fund</u>
	\$7,195.25
Expenses:	\$4,451.80
Net Profit:	\$2,743.45

Stewardship Second: Healing was one of Jesus' gifts. Much gratitude for all those who care and heal, whether professionally or to family and friends. Sharing your energy, skill, and time is noble and necessary.

FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

[E-ssentials: Honour Black History Month \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

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