



## **Birchcliff Bluffs United Church**

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### **Prelude**

#### **Austria**

Music: Franz Josef Haydn

### **Call to Worship**

Welcome to all who are weary, tired, or burned out.

*We come to be refreshed and renewed in God's presence.*

Welcome all who are anxious, worried, or burdened.

*We come to be calmed and comforted by the Spirit.*

Welcome to all who feel complacent, comfortable, or detached.

*We come to be stirred by Christ's message for us.*

All are welcome here. Come as you are.

*Together, we will rest in God's presence,  
be calmed by the Spirit, and stirred by Christ's message.*

*We welcome one another as we gather for worship.*

### **Response**

#### **I Am a Child of God**

**MV 157**

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*I am a child of God,  
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.  
I am a child of God,  
I am a child of God.*

*I am an endless prayer,  
I am a yearning for contemplation,  
I am an endless prayer,  
I am an endless prayer.*

*I am a cry for peace,  
I am commitment and dedication,  
I am a cry for peace,  
I am a cry for peace.*

*I am a song of joy,  
I am the moment of jubilation,  
I am a song of joy,  
I am a song of joy.*

## **Life & Work of the Church**

*Welcome to online worship*



## **Land Acknowledgement**

### **Candle Lighting**

*The Christ candle is lit.*

## **Opening Hymn**

### **River**

**MV 3**

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*River, rushing down to the ocean blue,  
River from a mountain high.  
River, as you do what rivers do,  
River, draw the Spirit nigh.*

*Spirit, coming down to the river-side,  
Spirit, spark of wondrous thought.  
Spirit, I am free for you to guide,  
Spirit, pray that I be taught!*

*Water, let me drink of your healing pow'r,  
Water, strength and life you give.  
Water, as I travel with each hour,  
Water, help my body live.*

*River, flowing down where you ran before,  
River, source of clearer view.  
River, as I walk your rocky shore,  
River, see my journey through.  
See my journey through,  
See my journey through,  
See my journey through.*

## **Invitation to Prayer**

### **Prayer for Grace**

***Be with us as we confess our wrongdoing. Hear our prayer, All-Seeing, All-Knowing. We can hide our actions from ourselves and pretend that they are no big deal. All- Loving, please***

*forgive us, cleanse us.*

*If we are to feel true joy and gladness, then we need to be aware of wrong action. But don't let us stop there. Give us the strength to change these thoughts, these words, these actions.*

*All-Giving, fill us with sincerity and truth. Fill us with wisdom and let it translate into action.*

*All-Gracious, we are blessed that you are patient with us and that your love triumphs over all. May we put this love into practice through your grace. Amen.*

## Words of Assurance

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### And Now For Something Completely Different



## Hymn

### Open My Eyes, That I May See

Words and Music: Clara H. Scott

VU 371

*Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

## Prayer of Illumination



*Help us O God, to come to you with open lives to receive your words.*

*May we give them new life as we listen to what you have to say.*

*Open our hearts as we embark on this journey with each other and with you. Amen*

## Hebrews 7:23-28

New Revised Standard Version

<sup>23</sup> Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but (Christ) holds priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints One who has been made perfect forever.

## Mark 10:46-52

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<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

These are Jesus’ words for us to focus on today.

*Thanks be to God*

## Sermon

## How to be a Troublemaker



## Hymn

### Throw Out The Lifeline

Words and Music: Edward Smith Ufford

*Throw out the lifeline across the dark wave;  
There is a brother or sister to save;  
Somebody's family! O who then will dare  
To throw out the lifeline, the peril to share?*

*Throw out the lifeline! Throw out the lifeline!  
Someone is drifting away;  
Throw out the lifeline! Throw out the lifeline!  
Someone is sinking today.*

*Throw out the life line with hand quick and strong:  
Why do you tarry, why linger so long?  
Someone is sinking; oh, hasten today  
And out with the lifeboat! away, then away!*

*Throw out the lifeline! Throw out the lifeline!  
Someone is drifting away;  
Throw out the lifeline! Throw out the lifeline!  
Someone is sinking today.*

*This is the lifeline, oh, grasp it today!  
See, you are recklessly drifting away;  
Voices in warning, shout over the wave,  
O grasp the strong lifeline, for Jesus can save.*

*Throw out the lifeline! Throw out the lifeline!  
Someone is drifting away;  
Throw out the lifeline! Throw out the lifeline!  
Someone is sinking today.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## Offering our Gifts to God

### Prayers of the People



*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.*

## BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

### Closing Hymn

#### **Love Is Kind**

Words: Christopher Wordsworth  
Music: F. Filitz/P.Maurice/E. Daley

*Love is kind and suffers long;  
love is humble thinks no wrong;  
Love than death itself more strong;  
therefore give us love.*

*Prophecy will fade away,  
melting in the light of day;  
Love will ever with us stay;  
therefore give us love.*

*Faith will vanish into sight;  
hope be emptied in delight;  
Love in heav'n will shine more bright;  
therefore give us love.*

*Faith and hope and love we see  
joining hand in hand agree;  
But the greatest of the three,  
and the best, is love.*

### Benediction & Commissioning



### Postlude

#### **Loved With Everlasting Love**

Music: James Mountain

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## Other Resources for Today

ANFSCD - [Western Chorus Frog \(Pseudacris triseriata\) \(registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca\)](http://registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca)

## Lectionary Readings

### Job 42:1-6, 10-17

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Then Job answered God:

<sup>2</sup>“I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.  
<sup>3</sup>‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.  
<sup>4</sup>‘Hear, and I will speak;  
I will question you, and you declare to me.’  
<sup>5</sup>I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;  
<sup>6</sup>therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes.”

<sup>10</sup> And God restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and God gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup> Then there came to him all his siblings and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that God had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. <sup>12</sup> God blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup> He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup> He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup> In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup> After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. <sup>17</sup> And Job died, old and full of days.

### Psalm 34:1-8

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<sup>1</sup> I will bless God at all times;  
God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in God;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
<sup>3</sup> O magnify God with me,  
and let us exalt God’s name together.  
  
<sup>4</sup> I sought God, and God answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
<sup>5</sup> Look to God, and be radiant;

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>This poor soul cried, and was heard by God,  
and was saved from every trouble.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of God encamps  
around those who fear God, and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>O taste and see that God is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.