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This is Our Story: Fed by Bread of Heaven



"Working together to feed God's people mind, body and spirit"

Malnutrition affects **every country on earth**

(yeah) (oui) (Да) (是的)
(sí) (ndiyo) (हाँ) (yep, here too)
GLOBAL NUTRITION REPORT 2015 #NutritionReport

- 800 million hungry
- 2 billion micronutrient deficient
- 1.9 billion overweight & obese
- 160 million under 5's stunted

reflection

"Life is a banquet, and most poor suckers are starving to death!"

Rosalind Russell (Auntie Mame)



Pre-service Music and Welcome

GATHERING

We acknowledge this sacred land on which Kimbourne Park United Church operates. It has been a site of human activity for 15,000 years. This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the New Credit. The territory was the subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory.

VU 460 "All Who Hunger" (verse 1 only)

Entry into the Celebration

One: Come into this gathering. May this time together be creative of a new outreach of trust and confidence that life was meant to be lived at the full tide.

Bob Holmes

Carol: *Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life in the presentness of God.*

The candle is lit.

Carol: *In hope, in longing*

ALL: ***We're glad to come together.***

Carol: *In trust, in community*

ALL: ***We're glad to come together.***

Carol: *In many moods, in many shapes and sizes*

ALL: ***We're glad to come together.***

Carol: *peace, in joy*

ALL: ***We're glad to come together in this Lenten season.***

Prayer of Awareness

Carol: We pray. Remind us, O Spirit, that life is worth living. Remind us, O Creator, that the struggle for justice is worth undertaking. Remind us, O Mercy, that love and action are one. Amen. May this be so! Nelson-Pallmeyer

MV 109 "My Soul is Thirsting for You"

The Peace

One: Let us take a moment to celebrate each other. The peace of God is here to stay.

ALL: Thanks be to God

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Invitation to the Children to Come Forward

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to sit on the steps.

Children's Hymn: Vine and Fig Tree

And every one 'neath their vine and fig tree
shall live in peace and unafraid.

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shall live in peace and unafraid.

Nations to plough shares turn their swords
and they shall study war no more.

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CENTERING

Video

Meditative Music: David

EXPLORING

Readings from our biblical tradition

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 16:2-5

New International Version (NIV)

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

VU 781: Psalm 63 1-8 (refrain 2)

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ. Glory to your name.

Cantor: *Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Inclusive Text

Some people arrived and told Jesus about Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that their sacrifices.

At this Jesus said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans?

'They were not, I tell you. No, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

'Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem?

'They were not, I tell you. No, but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.'

Jesus told this parable: 'A vinedresser had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and came looking for fruit on it but found none.

'The vinedresser then said to the one who looked after the vineyard, Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree, and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?

'The vineyard worker replied, Leave it one more year and give me time to dig around it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'

MV 119 "God Our Protector"

God our protector, keep us in mind,
always give strength to your people.
For if we could be with you one day in time
it is better than a thousand without you.

Contemporary Word: This is Our Story: Fed by Bread of Heaven

MV 193 "God Bless to Us Our Bread"

OFFERTORY

Offertory Invitation

One: Lent calls us to be mindful of all that we take in and all that we give out.
We take in the Good News, we give of our time our talent and our money
so that others might experience new possibilities..

Offertory Hymn: "Bread for the World"

Rejoice, give thanks for abundant grace,
food on our tables and peace within this place.
How rich, how wide is our God's embrace!
And thru' this great sustaining love

*We are bread for the world,
bread for the world, bread for a hungry world.
May we be bread for the world,
bread for the world, bread for a hungry world.*

Hope burns anew, thru' the world's despair,
when eyes are opened and hearts are moved to care,
when we can listen and learn to share,
then we might fin'lly turn and see

We are bread for the world...

Act strong in faith, for God's Reign is near;
stand up with courage, speak out and do not fear!
Now is the time that the world must hear
the tasks that God has called us to;

We are bread for the world...

Words: Marty Haugen 2009

VU 542 "We Give You But Your Own"
We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

AFFIRMING

Prayers of the People

VU 959 "The Lord's Prayer"

SCATTERING

Announcements

Words of Mission

One: Let us embrace the wonder of this week with expectation and
imagination...

The candle is extinguished.

One: Now may our wisdom show itself in deeds of compassion and in acts of
understanding.

ALL: May the fruits of the spirit be apparent in our lives Adapt.P.R. Giles
and lead us into ever deepening relationships with all of life.

G.G. Brooks

MV 209 "Go, Make a Diff'rence"
Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. (2X)

Blessing Words

One: Go in courage and celebration!
And may all the faces of the Holy God be turned towards you in love, the
earth itself speak to you of its creativity, and who we are, each and all,
be honoured in our authentic journeys.

D.McRae-McMahon

Postlude



A special Lenten fast

Give up harsh words: use generous ones.

Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.

Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.

Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.

Give up worrying: take up trust in God.

Give up complaining: value what you have.

Give up stress: take up prayer.

Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.

Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.

Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.

Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.

Give up words: fill yourself with silence, and listen to others.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

CHURCH BOARD

Our board next meets on **Monday April 15 @7:30 PM** in the Jessie Scott room.



Games Night is the 2ND Saturday of each month. The next Games Night is **Saturday April 13 5:00-10:00 PM**. Everyone is welcome.

April ACTION SUNDAY is Easter Sunday

Nicole and Dee will be coordinating the community brunch on April 21. As this is a long weekend we will need everyone who is in town to be part of the service. **Let's work together this Easter to feed our neighbours like family!**

2019 Seed-Starting Workshop-SATURDAY APRIL 6 1:30-3:30

We have a blast every spring at our hands-on seed-starting workshop. This free event for all ages gives everyone a chance to come together, learn some fascinating facts about how plants grow, and get their hands in the dirt (even if it is potted dirt). You'll have the chance to plant some seeds for Garden@Kimbourne and to go home with pots of your own as well.

Space is limited, so please register at <http://bit.ly/gaks2019>.

The event takes place in our hall.



PIE SALES IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION AND SERVICE FUND

Our pies, which are made by Kimbourne pie-makers are delicious and the proceeds go to the United Church's Mission and Service Fund which supports ministries and programs in Canada and around the world.

They are always available in a variety of flavours and in two sizes. They can be purchased baked or frozen to bake at your convenience at home. **Speak to Suzanne Bond** to order your favourite pie.

Food Bank Donations for Glen Rhodes UC Food Program

Boxes to receive non-perishable food and health and hygiene products for the **Glen Rhodes Food Program** are located in the narthex (lobby) near the elevator door.

We also collect purses (large) and feminine hygiene products for **The Period Purse** which advocates for and provides products marginalized menstruators in shelters and on the streets of Toronto.