**Prayers of the People**

* Opening Prayers
* Candle Lighting
* Sung Lord’s Prayer **VU page 959**

**Hymn: MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines**

**SENDING**

* *Joys and Celebrations*
* *Welcome and Announcements*

Blessing and Commissioning

**Sung Blessing: MV # 214 May God’s Sheltering Wings**

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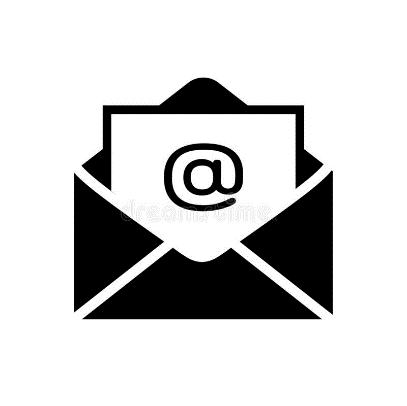
Her gathering wings protect you,

May God’s nurturing arms,

Her cradling arms sustain you,

And hold you in her love.

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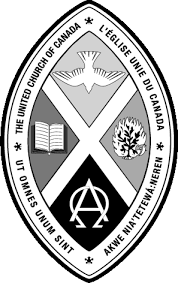
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**Sunday March 13, 2022, 11:00 am service**

**P.I.E. SUNDAY / 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**GATHERING**

*Words of welcome*

**Acknowledgement of the Land**

We begin our worship by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land where we are gathered for worship today. These lands remain home to a number of Indigenous nations and people. Their relationship with the land remains central to their lives.

Claremont United Church lies within the area covered by the Williams Treaties of 1923, between Canada, Ontario, and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Georgina Island and Rama and the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Scugog Island First Nations.

**God of hope, awaken us to new opportunities to walk in justice and reconciliation with the First People of this land. Amen.**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

There was a man named Jesus who embodied God’s radical and inclusive love in such surprising and healing ways. And he said: **“I am the Light of the World”**

**Opening Hymn: VU 395 Come In and Sit Down**



**“ACTION PRAYER”** *for all ages:*

**God our Creator,**

**You created us from the rich soils of the earth;**

**we live in the shelter of your love.**

**All of our diverse creation**

**is brimming over with your beauty!**

**May our hearts be filled**

**with joy and thanksgiving,**

**today and always! Amen.**

**WORD**

Time for the Child in all of us

Song with the children: **MV 145 Draw The Circle Wide**

**Scripture Readings and other Sacred Texts**

*Reader: Tracey May*

**First Reading:** “No Harm Protection Spell”

From: “The Black Trans Prayer Book”,

by: Richael Faithful.

Loving beings who surround me,

and inside me,

As I go on my way,

I need your reflection

To invite

The kindness of kindred,

To attract

Genuine care,

To welcome

Radical hospitality.

I need your force!

To send back

Viciousness from its source,

To resist

Confusion of cowardice,

To reject Hate

before it originates.

In return, I offer you

All of my excellence!

I am only visible to rightness,

And beloveds.

May I move with power today!

It is so.

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 82, VU page 799**

Holy Gospel: Mark 5: 21 – 43

Sermon: Rev. Lionel

**Hymn: MV 161 I Have Called You By Your Name**

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Sung Offering Verse: VU 540

**Gant us, God, the grace of giving,**

**with a spirit large and free,**

**that ourselves and all our living**

**we may offer faithfully.**

Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts

**We give thanks, loving God,**

**that your child Jesus**

**was Public, Intentional, and Explicit**

**about the dignity of the whole Web of Life.**

**May these gifts be used to affirm**

**the value, worth and innate beauty**

**of all of our neighbours,**

**all our relations,**

**and all of creation.**

**We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**