

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

10:30 AM

\* Stand if you are able

**Bold:** Said by all

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship: Lenten Insert (responsive)**

\* Gathering Hymn: "Throughout these Lenten Days and Nights"

(first  
five verses) (#196)

**Prayer of Praise:**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison):**

Look on us, merciful God, as we really are.

Please penetrate beyond our outward show into our true selves, that we may find the courage of self-honesty and repentance, and receive the blessing of forgiveness.

On the sins which we confess and those that we have not yet recognized;  
Lord have mercy.

On the sins that we loathe and those of which we have been too tolerant;  
Christ have mercy.

On the basis of our profound needs, not on our preferences and conditions;  
Lord have mercy.

Merciful God, saving Friend, by the costly grace of your crucified Son save us from the evil which has corrupted our lives [www.stpaulssimcoe.com](http://www.stpaulssimcoe.com) 519-426-1845

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**ORGANIST:** Mr. Ian Madge

our sins and set us free from their hold on our days. Renew the well-springs of our faith and love, and prepare us to surmount the pressures and temptations that are yet to come. Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Choir Anthem: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* (John Rutter)

\*Children's Hymn: *"In Suffering Love"* (#696)

Time with Our Children

(Children Grade 12 and under leave for Sunday School)

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Prayer for Illumination:** *"Speak Lord in the Stillness"* (#442)  
(sung by the Choir)

**Scripture:** Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Psalm 126 (responsive, projected)  
John 12:1-8



One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### MESSAGE

*Silent Reflection*

### OUR RESPONSE

\* Hymn of Response: *"Man of Sorrows, Wondrous Name"*

(#210)

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### **Declaration of Faith (in unison):**

We believe in the debonaire God  
who clothes the wild flowers,  
dressing them so superbly  
that they outdo Solomon in all his glory;

who is the true Friend  
of all creatures great and small;  
who feeds blue jays and squirrels,  
ravens and possums.

We believe in the God of Christ Jesus  
the Source of abundance,  
full of grace and truth.

We believe in the extravagant God  
who turns the other cheek,  
goes the second mile,  
turns water into the best wine,

brings healing with his every touch,  
and who welcomes a woman's love  
as she fills the house with unforgettable fragrance.

We believe in the faith-full God of Jesus Christ,  
who sweat blood in an Olive Grove,  
and who kept the faith to the very end.

We believe in the redeeming God  
who spared no cost,  
forgave even his brutal crucifiers,  
had time for a dying thief at his side,  
and who on the third day  
did a thing so prodigious  
that to this day we still struggle to understand it.

We believe in the God of Jesus Christ,  
the Source of abundance, wherever we turn,  
and no matter what we do. Amen.

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Invitation to Offering

\* Doxology

(#79)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**SENDING**

\* Closing Hymn: *"As When the Hebrew Prophet Raised"*

(#189)

\* Benediction:

\* *"Go Now In Peace"*

\* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude

s. Forgive