

Welcome

Brief time of Quiet Reflection

Hymn of Invocation 376, Spirit of the Living God (seated)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
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Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, move among us all
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love.
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing,
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Opening Hymn 226– For the Beauty of the Earth (standing if able)

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lenten Contemplative Practice: Choosing The Way of Love

Pachelbel’s Canon (Bach) Bruce and Choir

Hymn 112– O God, How We Have Wandered (seated)

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 126, Responsive Reading # 850 VU

Second Refrain

Second Scripture—John 12: 1 – 11

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he

kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.” When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Reflection— Broken and Poured Out. . . .

Responsive Hymn 112– O God, How We Have Wandered, verse 3 (seated)

O God of all the living, both banished and restored,
Compassionate, forgiving, our peace and hope assured.
Grant now our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace

Prayers of the People

(The Lord’s Prayer)

Announcements/Offering

Dedication of the Offering

*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*

Closing Hymn 560—O Master Let Me Walk with Thee (standing if able)

Commissioning/Benediction

*Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will be 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, in love. Amen,
Amen, Amen.*

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Please join us if you wish for refreshments after service.

The Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge consists of two churches, Primrose United Church, in Primrose, and Trinity United Church, in Shelburne, Ontario. We are so very glad you have come to visit with us today.

Following in the way of the United Church of Canada, and the footsteps of Jesus Christ, we are interested in partnering with all people, of all inclinations, who are interested in striving to uplift the spirits of others and live in a way that offers hope and grace in all situations. With this in mind we are forming partners in our community with both individuals and groups who have a vision aligned with our own.

We are currently partnered with the [Shelburne Farmer's Market](#) (local food initiatives), [Soup Haus](#) (offering hospitality in the form of complimentary dinners once a week), [Partera Peacekeepers International](#) (dedicated to peacemaking locally and throughout the world), [First Line for Syria](#) (caring for our refugees), [The Quiet Garden Movement](#) (our Primrose meditation garden is part of this international organization), [KAIROS](#) (social justice in Canada, particularly with our indigenous peoples), [Rural Response](#) (an outreach from Family Transition Place reducing barriers to services for underserved women living outside urban areas), [Streams Community Hub](#) (providing children's programs encouraging creativity, community, and compassion for children), [Dufferin Moves](#) (

looking to reduce poverty in our county), and of course the wonderful on going work with the [The Mission and Service of the United Church of Canada](#).

Our Trinity United Church sanctuary is also shared with the Seventh Day Adventists who celebrate their Sabbath on Saturday. On Sunday morning at 9 am we welcome our Catholic friends from the St. John the Evangelist Parish. Reflecting the United Church of Canada polity, we embrace other faith traditions and welcome interfaith dialogue.

Rev. Candice Bist is available to you for any help we might provide to you personally. She is also interested in conversations about possible partnerships with those interested in matters spiritual, ecological, educational, or concerning matters of social justice. Do not hesitate to contact her.

Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge

Trinity United Church Primrose United Church Sunday Service for April 7, 2019

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