

# Brooklin United Church

Sunday March 29, 2020

*Lent 5*

## GATHER

Welcome

Sharing Opportunities for Love and Service

Call to Worship

One: The Creator gathers us in.

**Other: We gather in Christ's name.**

One: During Lent we are called into places of darkness and division  
looking for the dawning light.

**Other: We gather looking for courage in confusion;  
hope in pain; peace in chaos.**

One: We gather to repent, to lament, to learn, to love, and to be renewed.

**Other: We gather to worship.**

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (spoken together even if it sounds odd)

Hymn

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Voices United 806 (verses 1-4 and 6)

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:
- 2 under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure,  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

## Prayer of Confession and Renewal:

When faith falters and hope hides, O God,  
touch our lives that we may be refreshed and renewed.  
When love is spent and fear takes hold, O God,  
touch our lives that we may be refreshed and renewed.  
When despair burdens and the future becomes unclear, O God,  
touch our lives that we may be refreshed and renewed.  
When we are tempted by selfish actions, O God,  
touch our lives that we may be refreshed and renewed.  
Shepherd of us all, protect us and restore us to wholeness of life.  
Strengthen us by your grace to take care of one another. Amen.

## Words of Encouragement

### **GROW**

## A Conversation for All Ages

### Scripture Reading – Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. (KJV)

### John 9: 1-11

<sup>1</sup>As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.  
<sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"  
<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.  
<sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.  
<sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."  
<sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes,  
<sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.  
<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"  
<sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."  
<sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"  
<sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."(NRSV)

## Message

### **GO**

## Sharing God's Blessings: Offering

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Hope

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,  
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Chorus

We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
fastened to the rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

Verse

It will surely hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;  
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,  
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

Chorus

We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
fastened to the rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

Blessing