

# Barrie Hill and Speedside

## Third Sunday in Lent

United Church of Canada Congregations

in the historic, rural

Eramosa Pastoral Charge

Welcome

The Barrie Hill Congregation est. 1832

The Speedside Congregation est .1845

We're delighted you're here.



March 20, 2022

Welcome

to our guests today.

We're glad you're here.

\* Indicates an invitation to stand, as you are able  
If there are words in **bold**, we invite you to participate by saying them out loud.

## Gathering

# THE PEOPLE JOURNEY TOGETHER RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

## **Prelude**

Lenten Gathering music MV 7 'Gather us in'

**Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, gather us in  
Ground us, ground us in you.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Acknowledge of the Territory**

## **Lighting of the Candle**

## **Greeting and Call to Worship**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Let us worship our Rock and our Redeemer, the cornerstone of our faith, who is with us in all aspects of life and in every moment of our life journey . Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn VU 337

"Blessed Assurance"

## **Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession**

Holy friend,

One: We come to the third Sunday in Lent, knowing we come from many different places, bearing many different joys and pains.

**We gather here, companions on the Way with Jesus. We gather, praying that your angels might bear us up, praying your angels might comfort us, as we live into the realities of this life that are with us every step we take . Amen**

**ALL: Reconciling One, let your Holy Spirit bind us into one community, so we remember how it is to be your people, as we worship on this late winter morning wrapped in the warm comforter of your love, in the name of Jesus the Messiah. Amen.**

*(Opening Prayer adapted from Calling on God by Peter Bankson & Deborah Sokolove, page 290)*

## **Words of Assurance**

**WE OPEN THE BIBLE. WE RECEIVE THE WORD.**

## **Prayer for Understanding & Grace**

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight O God. Amen

## **A time with the young, and young at heart**

*Children are invited attend Sunday School with Bethany*

**Responsive Psalm**

Psalm 63 I long for you, God  
VU pg 781 Refrain #1

**Gospel** The Barren Fig Tree Luke 13:1-9 King James  
Version

**13** There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

**2** And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

**3** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

**4** Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

**5** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

**6** He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.s

**7** Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

**8** And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

**9** And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

## **Message**

## **Choral Anthem/Special Music**

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

### **Our Offering in a Spirit of Gratitude**

**\*Song of Dedication** VU542 “We Give You But Your Own”

**We give you but your own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone,  
we give it gratefully**

## **Offering Prayer of Dedication**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Departing VU 651 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

**\* Commissioning**

**\* Sung Blessing**

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true  
Know God 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 there, present in all time,  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

**\* Postlude**

**Go in Peace**

**Please keep these friends in your prayers:**

Darrin and Carl McGugan

**According to our Regional Council Prayer Cycle:**

***Clifford***

# **SPEEDSIDE and BARRIE HILL UNITED CHURCHES**

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Worship at Speedside is at 9:30 Worship at Barrie Hill is at 11:00

*Welcome to worship at Speedside and Barrie Hill churches led by Rev. Lynn Hamilton. A special welcome to newcomers and guests with us today.*

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9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please submit bulletin

announcements to the EPC Office by

Wednesday evening.

*If you wish to receive your Sunday Bulletin and Announcements by email, or if you know of anyone who would benefit from the DVD ministry please contact the church office.*

Church Bookings: *Speedside:* Bruce Miller, 519-822-1731

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Arising from a deeply rooted faith in God, known to us through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Eramosa Pastoral Charge, celebrate that we are a Christian community striving to share our faith, friendship, fun, music and other talents. We do this through our unique rural approach to worship, Christian education, stewardship and pastoral care.

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Anishinaabe People in Anishinabek territory. We are grateful for their stewardship of the land and we accept our responsibility to be good stewards in this time. *For more information about land acknowledgements and Indigenous Territories please visit [www.native-land.ca](http://www.native-land.ca)*

## ERAMOSA PASTORAL CHARGE

*Please email the church office if you would like anyone included in the weekly prayer list.*



### Tea and Toast

Via Zoom

Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

An online social to gather with one another to share community news, stories, and to pray. Everyone is welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84746457279?pwd=N01xTkJZMUFnV0lxdDJxL013Nk1WZz09>

### Calling all Youth!

Any youth **grades 7 to 12** are invited to Barrie Hill at **noon on Sunday, March 27th**. Please bring your ideas for youth activities. We will be planning for future youth events. All youth from Barrie Hill, Speedside and beyond are welcome. Please RSVP to Theresa Knierim at [p.t.knierim@gmail.com](mailto:p.t.knierim@gmail.com) to indicate that you will be attending. Any adults interested in volunteering may RSVP as well.

The Eramosa Pastoral charge Foodgrains project for 2022 is 2 plots of winter wheat. The starter fertilizer last fall was covered by donations. Thank you! Spring nitrogen fertilizer has been purchased for \$1800. Those individuals who can help to cover these costs would be greatly appreciated.

### The Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is supporting people in Ukrainian and neighbouring countries through Canadian Baptist Ministries in Canada and the European Baptist Federation with support from Compassionate Canadians.

They are :

- \*setting up shelter and meal service centres feeding thousands a day.
- \*providing three meals a day and personal supplies to Ukrainians.
- \*collaborating with local businesses and restaurants to provide food.
- \*transporting food into Ukraine to close the gap on food shortages.

Donations may be made directly on the Canadian Foodgrains website or through our local church stating it is for Foodgrains Bank for Ukraine.

## Stone United Church Invites You to Join our Canadian Foodgrains Growing Project



The seeds have arrived, and spring is just around the corner! The Stone United Church will once again host a Growing Project to raise money to reduce and eventually end global hunger. It's time to start thinking about how you wish to participate in this year's project. Back, by popular demand, will be friendly competitions for the heaviest pumpkin, smallest miniature pumpkin, tallest sunflower, biggest sunflower head, and most flowers on a stalk. New for 2022 are categories for zucchini (longest and heaviest), and for interested farmers, their tallest corn stalk!!

Last year Stone UC with support from six other Churches raised \$9,300. When matched 3:1 by the federal government, that translated into over \$37,000 funds to support initiatives to end global hunger. Canadian Foodgrains Bank projects include direct food support but also provide funding to promote more environmentally sustainable growing practices.

People fleeing conflict has become the number one cause of hunger in addition to drought. Once again in 2021, the pandemic resulted in many wage earners becoming unemployed thus being unable to purchase sufficient food for their families.

Did you know that sunflowers are a symbol of hope and peace, and the national flower of Ukraine? We have lots of seeds, so we encourage you to grow some as a show of support for the people of Ukraine.

We are hoping to arrange a mid-summer gathering to judge zucchinis and a mid-October community gathering to weigh and judge pumpkins, sunflowers, and corn.

Details to follow!

Seeds will be provided to project participants. Contact Barb Parker at [bm1parker@gmail.com](mailto:bm1parker@gmail.com) to place your seeds request and arrange for delivery.

**The Stone United Church Foodgrains Committee**

## SPEEDSIDE

<b>Lay Reader:</b> Janet Scott	<b>Organist:</b> Millie Smith
<b>Offerings</b>	
January: \$2,745.00	February: \$3,055.00

## BARRIE HILL

<b>Lay Reader:</b> Ted Kent	<b>Greeters:</b> Bill & Kelly Somerville
<b>Offerings</b>	
March 6 - \$4277.00 (includes PAR)	March 13-\$1065.18 (includes PAR)



Barrie Hill has a new website!  
Visit [www.barriehillunitedchurch.com](http://www.barriehillunitedchurch.com)  
and check it out!



Hydrangea will be purchased to adorn the sanctuary for Easter. If you wish to make a donation towards a hydrangea in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope, labelled with donor name and name of person in memory of and place on the collection plate or contact the church office for alternate donation options. Names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



## Acting Together for Ukraine

Your support is helping to provide shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention.

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<https://united-church.ca/stories/acting-together-ukraine>

We are stronger together, and what affects one of us affects all of us. These two truths have become even more apparent as the invasion of Ukraine continues to cost precious lives and rapidly create a humanitarian crisis. The United Nations reports that millions of people living in the Ukraine, displaced from their homes, are seeking refuge in neighbouring countries. Many have lost friends, loved ones, and property; struggle to meet their basic needs; and face an uncertain future.

In the face of this growing crisis, communities of faith around the world are taking action to offer support.

Spanning 127 countries, the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance is the world's largest network of Protestant and Orthodox churches and agencies, including the United Church. Your generosity through Mission & Service has long supported ACT's humanitarian relief and advocacy efforts.

Right now, your ongoing support through Mission & Service as well as special emergency gifts are helping to provide shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention. What's more, the impacts of war in Ukraine are affecting food security for regions that depend on its agricultural production, including in some areas where global partners are responding.

The *New Humanitarian* news site reports that Yemen imports half of its wheat from Ukraine and Russia, 22 percent of corn imported to Spain comes from Ukraine, and Lebanon relies on Ukraine for up to 60 percent of its wheat and has only about a month's worth of reserves. "Conflict is one of the main reasons that hunger is rising in the world, and Ukraine represents a stark example of how that happens," states

Musu Taylor-Lewis, Canadian Foodgrains Bank director of resources and public engagement, in an interview.

United Church Moderator Richard Bott condemned the invasion in a statement released in early March stating that the act of aggression contravenes the Charter of the United Nations (UN) and represents a serious violation of international law. “We call on all parties to immediately cease hostilities and to undertake action to restore peace,” he writes, urging the church to hold the people of Ukraine in prayer and “explore whether there is a Ukrainian Catholic church, Ukrainian Orthodox church, or Ukrainian community centre close to you to whom you might write a letter of concern and solidarity or extend solidarity to people of Ukrainian descent in your community.”

Thank you for all the ways you express compassion and care and for faithfully supporting Mission & Service. By acting together, we can be there as a worldwide church community when and where it matters most.