***March 14th, 2021 Lent 4***

***Worship Link:*** [***https://youtu.be/AWH7H3MkvNY***](https://youtu.be/AWH7H3MkvNY)

**PRELUDE:** *The Lorica- Irish tune (words: St. Patrick’s Prayer)*

(Played on the Violin/Fiddle)

**CALLED TO WORSHIP:**  (provided by PWS&D from our denomination)

Led by Siep & Sue Nyholt (Oakville); Daniellle Nyholt (Toronto) (see attachment)

**Praise**: #*508 Your word O God* Irish tune: Danny boy/Londonderry Air

* ***Your word, O God, awoke the uncreated;***
* ***brought form from chaos, out of darkness, light,***

***Till life, by silent ages long awaited,***

***displayed its growing beauty in your sight.***

***In field and forest, ocean, air and river our eyes beheld your creatures very good, and, quickened by your breath,***

***almighty giver, your human image in your presence stood***

***Your word, O God, took flesh for our salvation,***

***and we beheld his glory, truth and grace;***

***He brings the gospel of our liberation,***

***the tidings of your mercy light his face.***

***In healing deeds of love and holy story***

***we hear the music of your gracious name:***

***still more, his Cross and resurrection glory***

***the sovereign triumphs of your love proclaim***

**CHILDREN’S TIME & SONG:** *Smile in Any Language* by Linda Carmichael

* Colin is English and Benoit is not, Johanne is French and she laughs quite a lot

Vartan’s Armenian & so is Sylvie in the morning you’ll find them all play-in’ with me

***And we all have a good time, play and laugh and run. We don’t understand each other but we have a lot of fun. And we’re so happy when the day is fin’lly done***

***‘cause a smile in any language means the same to everyone***.

Colin has blonde hair and Benoits’ is brown, Johanne’s is sandy and softer than down

Vartan and Sylvie have hair that is black & it’s all different lengths in the front and the back.

***And we all have a good time, play and laugh and run. We don’t understand each other but we have a lot of fun. And we’re so happy when the day is fin’lly done***

***‘cause a smile in any language means the same to everyone***.

It isn’t important what language you speak, what colour your hair or your eyes or your cheek - if you can love someone and call them your friend,

In time all the diff’rences somehow will blend.

***And we all have a good time, play and laugh and run. We don’t understand each other but we have a lot of fun. And we’re so happy when the day is fin’lly done***

***‘cause a smile in any language means the same to everyone***.

**PRAYER:** Refrain: #560 *Put peace into each other’s hand* Irish trad hymn melody

Let us pray:

* ***Put peace into each other's hands & like a treasure hold it; protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.***

O God, we do want to offer peace to others …

* ***Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation;***

***Be gentle in your words & ways, in touch with God's creation.***

We pray for our world….

* ***Put peace into each other's hands,***

***like bread we break for sharing;***

***Look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.***

O God, help us to know what we can do for you in these days….

**ASSURANCE & THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**SCRIPTURE:** Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:11-17 Read by Wendy Rolfe

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** *Smiling eyes look up*

**CLOSING HYMN:** *#461 Be thou my vision* Irish Traditional

* ***Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;***

***Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;***

***Thou my best thought, by day or by night,***

***Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.***

***Riches I heed not, nor vain earthly praise,***

***Thou mine inheritance, through all my days***

***Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,***

***High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.***

***High King of heaven, when the battle is done,***

***Grant heaven’s joy to me, oh bright heaven’s Sun***

***Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all***

**BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE** *Irish tunes: When Irish eyes are smiling; Fanny Power*

(played by Allison Lupton: Flute)