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Lent 5

PRELUDE

WELCOME & INVITATION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH: *(Announcements)*

LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

Creating God, still centre of the world,

we come to you in this season of Lent

aware of lives lived between disappointment and hope.

We do not always know how to seek you with our whole hearts

but we know that you are our source and our destiny.

Nurture us in this time, and ready us

to take your Love into the world. Amen.

* HYMN: "Bless the Lord" (#46MV)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, you call us to be pilgrims, following the way of Jesus.

Forgive us when we weary of the journey and seek security
rather than the open road of your love and liberty.

Forgive us when we are too afraid to risk:

walk with us a while and give us courage.

We pause in silence to consider

our fears and our failings:

- *Silent Prayer* -

Grant us pilgrim spirits in this Lenten season,

and lead us toward the new life of Easter.

For Love's sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God has compassion for our fears and failures.

**Thanks be to God who carries us always
within her womb.**

SUNG REFRAIN: "Don't be Afraid" (MV #90)

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,

my love is stronger than your fear.

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised,
promised to be always near.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THEME CONVERSATION

*HYMN: "Hands Left and Right" (#19 Rainbow Songbook)

SCRIPTURE

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"Here I Am to Worship" - Sacred Sounds

REFLECTION

RESPONSE

THE OFFERING

*HYMN: "I Am a Child of God" (#157 MV)

*OFFERTORY: "The Church is Wherever" (#579 VU vs. 2)

**The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.**

**The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe.

The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our
hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

*HYMN: **“Spirit God, Be Our Breath”** (#150MV)

*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING:

“May you run and not be weary” (#641 W&P)

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy.
And may the road you travel
always lead you home.

*As an Affirming Ministry within the United Church of Canada, in the spirit of
truth and reconciliation, by action of the Board of McClure United Church,
March 28, 2017:*

McClure United Church acknowledges that for thousands of years Indigenous peoples have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. As we worship here today, we acknowledge that we are gathered in the traditional territory of the Cree, Salteaux, and Assiniboine First Nations and Homeland of the Metis, in the area most recently defined as Treaty 6, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

And we also acknowledge that McClure United Church, as an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada, is one that embraces diversity and strives to include and be a safe place for all people regardless of age, gender, race, culture, education, ability, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN
LENT