

## Announcements – March 22, 2026

**A warm welcome to guests and visitors.** Please leave your name and contact details with our greeters for more information. We have **Pew Packs** (engaging activities designed for children and youth) available in the Narthex.

This service is being livestreamed to our Zoom congregation.

**Gentle Reminder of our Fragrance Free Policy:** Please do not wear scented products such as perfumes, lotions, hair sprays, aftershave, deodorants, etc. These items can cause health issues for some. Thank you for helping us make our church a safe place.

### Special Thanks to:

- **Terri B. and Joan H. and Village Group 5** for providing volunteers during our worship for the month of March.
- **Stephanie B.** for hosting Coffee & Conversation today.
- **Technical Team** scheduled today.

### Faith Development:

**Bible Study on Monday, March 23:** The readings are: [Matthew 21:1-11](#); [Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29](#).

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**Our Sunday bulletin is now available in a digital format:** Please scan the QR code below to access the bulletin.



If necessary, please select the TUC Guest network. Password: **Welcome25**

### Our Mission Statement

*Our faith in God's love moves us to celebrate spirituality, to care with compassion, and to welcome all warmly.*

### Affirming Vision Statement

*Thornhill United Church believes in Jesus' message of God's kingdom of love and grace which includes all people.*

*We declare our commitment to be fully inclusive in all aspects of our life and work. This includes, but is not limited to, people of all ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations and gender identities.*

*Thornhill United Church seeks to be a safe place in the eyes of God and of all people, and to be a growing vibrant, inclusive, welcoming church.*

**Lent 5**  
**March 22, 2026 – 10:30am**



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*Hearing assists are available from the sound system operator,  
if you are having difficulty hearing in the service.*

## GATHERING

*\*\*marks time to stand as able*

**Prelude:** *Winchester New* arr. C. S. Lang  
*What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. D. Maxwell

**Welcome and News**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:** *Leslie B.*  
One: Jesus Christ illumines our path  
All: This light shines forever.

**Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn:** *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights* VU 108

**Opening Prayer**

## LISTENING

**Focus Time**

**Anthem:** *When We Are Living* trad. Spanish melody, arr. C. Young

**Scripture:** *John 11:1-45* read by Joan E.  
One: The Word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God.

**\*\*Hymn:** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* VU 121 vs. 1-4

**Message:** *You Raise Us Up* Rev. Leigh Olson

## RESPONDING

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music:** *Elegy* G. Thalben-Ball

**\*\*Presentation Hymn:** (tune: Franconia)  
These Lenten gifts we bring,  
Our living faith express.  
We offer them most lovingly,  
And thus our hearts are blessed

**\*\*Dedication Prayer**

**Prayers of the People** led by Monica M.

**The Lord's Prayer** VU 921

## SENDING

**Closing News**

**\*\*Closing Hymn:** *O Love, How Deep* VU 348 vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7

**\*\*Sending and Blessing**

**\*\*Choral Blessing:** *May the Christ Who Walks on Wounded Feet* D. Taylor/  
K. Powers

May the Christ who walks  
on wounded feet,  
walk with you on the road.  
May the Christ who serves  
with wounded hands,  
stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves  
with a wounded heart  
open your hearts to love.  
When you leave this place  
may you see the face of Christ  
in everyone you meet,  
and may everyone you meet  
see the face of Christ in you.

**Postlude:** *Prelude and Fugue in A Minor* J. S. Bach

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## UPCOMING SERVICES AT TUC

Mar.	29	10:30 am	Palm Sunday
Apr.	3	10:30 am	Good Friday
Apr.	5	10:30 am	Easter Sunday

## Announcements Cont'd – March 22, 2026

**Easter Plants:** If you would like to purchase a spring plant to decorate our sanctuary for Easter, please contact the church office no later than Mar. 23. Plants can be donated in memory of someone, in thanksgiving for someone, or a designation of your choice. Plants are \$20 each and may be taken home after the Easter Sunday service on April 5. Payment may be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer to:  
[treasurer@thornhillunitedchurch.ca](mailto:treasurer@thornhillunitedchurch.ca).

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### TUC MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Bible Study** meets on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon on Zoom

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**CD Committee** meets on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm on Zoom

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**Sanctuary Choir** on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

## THORNHILL MINISTERIAL ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES 2026

### ***Facing Change***

#### **Worship Schedule**

**Sunday, March 22  
4:00pm**

*The Joys of Change*  
St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church  
39 Green Lane  
Speaker: *The Rev. Dr. Heather Vais*

*Offering to support Blue Door, Evergreen Hospice, Out of the Cold  
and Yellow Brick House*

## Lent 5 March 22, 2026

### Prayer List

**From our Prayer Book we pray:**

***With Thanksgiving For:*** Our TUC family and friends.

***For Those in Need:*** Margaret, Don, Pamela, Mary, Kay, Bob, Lona, Bertha, Rodger, Jackie, Neil, Carson, Anita, Gary, Miya and Jerry, Stuart, Peter, Adam, Maru, Deborah, Tim, Mike and Tracey, Matt, Dan, Mike and Laura, the people of the Middle East, Sudan, Haiti and Ukraine.

We also pray for friends who originate from places experiencing conflict.

***In Memory of:*** Beverley, Frank, Gary

***For Those Away From Home:***