

Sunday Praise and Worship Service

† Order of Service †

Isaiah 40:1-8 (ESV) Comfort for God's People

40 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare ^[a] is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries: ^[b]

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

The Word of God Stands Forever

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, ^[c] "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty ^[d] is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Footnotes: a. [Isaiah 40:2](#) Or hardship b. [Isaiah 40:3](#) Or A voice of one crying c. [Isaiah 40:6](#) Revocalization based on Dead Sea Scroll, Septuagint, Vulgate; Masoretic Text And someone says d. [Isaiah 40:6](#) Or all its constancy

Matthew 22:36-40 (ESV)

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

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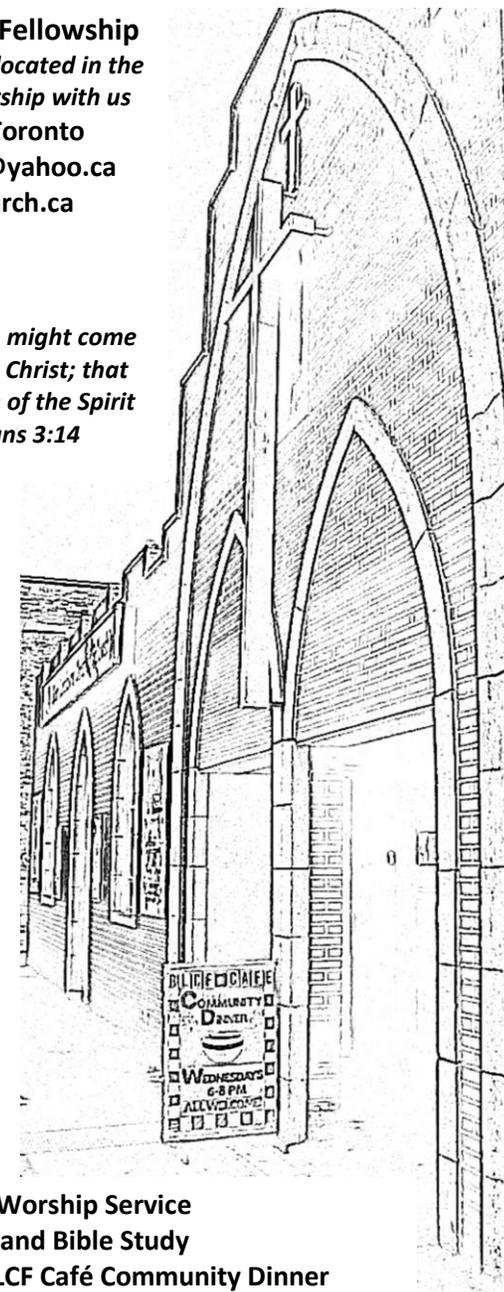
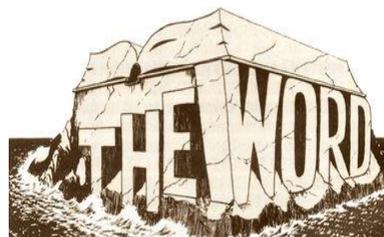
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*That the blessing of Abraham might come
on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ;
that we might receive the promise of the Spirit
through faith. — Galatians 3:14*



- ❖ Sunday ~ 11:00 AM Praise and Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 1:30 PM: Prayer and Bible Study
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 6:00-8:00 PM: BLCF Café Community Dinner

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Announcements & Call to Worship: Responsive Reading #651 (*The Holy Scriptures* – 2 Peter 1, 2 Timothy 3, Hebrews 4, Romans 15, Psalm 119, Isaiah 40); Prayer

Opening Hymn #392: *Take Time to Be Holy*

Tithing and Prayer Requests: Hymn #572: *Praise God; Prayers*

Today's Scriptures: Isaiah 40:1-8, Matthew 22:36-40, John 1:19-34

Message by Steve Mickelson: *'Social Media and the Word of the Lord'*

Communion Observance (Responsive reading #663 – 1 Corinthians 11)

The Word is Our Foundation

Psalm 119 : 57 - 64



Closing Hymn #265: *I've a Message from the Lord*

Benediction – (*Colossians 3:16-17*):

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 1:19-34 (ESV) The Testimony of John the Baptist

¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²² So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight^[a] the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." Continued ...

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John 1:19-34 (Continued) Behold, the Lamb of God

²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son^[b] of God."

Footnotes: a. [John 1:23](#) Or crying out, 'In the wilderness make straight b. [John 1:34](#) Some manuscripts the Chosen One

1 Corinthians 1:17-25 (ESV)

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Christ the Wisdom and Power of God

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach^[a] to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Footnotes: a. [1 Corinthians 1:21](#) Or the folly of preaching