

Applewood United Church
An Affirming Community
Sunday, March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Epiphany with Communion
*(*please stand in body or in spirit)*
Bold words are for all to share

Music for Gathering

Territorial Acknowledgment and Announcements

We understand that the land on which we live, work and worship is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron - Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The territory is mutually covered by the "Dish with One Spoon" Wampum Belt agreement. In the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to building relationships with all created beings, those who were here before, those who have settled, and those who continue to settle on this land. We commit to partnering with our Indigenous neighbours in being stewards and caretakers of God's Creation. Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we seek to live as reconciled people through our respect for, and our learning and understanding of, our Indigenous siblings.

Centering Music: "Be Still and Know" MV 77

*** Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: (*responsive*)**

One: God asks us to ponder, "Can these bones live?"

All: In faith we answer that God knows.

One: The bones of our church building and structures,
the framework of our community – can they live?

All: In faith we declare that God knows.

One: We offer our prayers and our praise – the bones and
sinews of worship and we expect that God hears us.

All: In faith we affirm that God knows and is with us.

One: We share our lives, our faith, and our wonderings,

All: and with faith we proclaim that God knows us.

One: This day we pray together:

**All: Enlivening God,
you bring life to dry bones and weary hearts.
You restore us and re-create us,**

you create the glimmer of life within us.
Hold us and mold us, God,
as we continue our Lenten journey to the cross.
We pray in the name of the One
who has walked that path,
who has wept with his friends,
who brings us life and hope,
and whose story we hold dear, Jesus the Christ.
Amen .

* **Opening Hymn:** "As Comes the Breath of Spring" VU 373

Prayer for Reflection and Revelation

Musical Response: "Lord Prepare Me" MV 18

Scripture readings:

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (*video*)

John 11:1-45 *The Inclusive Bible*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir: "Look to the Day"

Reflection: Remade, reanimated, resurrected

***Hymn:** "Like a Healing Stream" MV 144

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Music: "I Believe in Springtime"

***Hymn of Dedication:** "Jesus Christ is Waiting" VU 117 verse 4

* **Offering Prayer** (*together*)

All: Holy God, you give life and breath to us all.

**May what we offer spread both abundant life and
the breath of the Spirit to a world in need. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Sung response: "And When You Call for Me" MV 96

The Lord's Prayer (*said*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** "I Feel the Winds of God Today" VU 625

*** Commissioning/Benediction**

***Amen:** Great Amen TLUS 18

Music for Scattering