

A Musical Pick from Amy

April 16th – **Brighten the Corner Where You Are**

Here we are. Covid-19 is still the top news story of every broadcast and newspaper. We are still in isolation, still staying home except for groceries and medical appointments and still enacting social distancing when out in public. Quite a difference in a month of time.

In 1872 a baby was born, Ina Mae Duley Ogdon and 20 years later she wrote her first hymn, *Open Wide the Windows*. Years later, in 1912, *Brighten the Corner Where You Are* was penned. Not much background information was given as to the reasoning for this hymn. Perhaps it was the catastrophe of the sinking of the Titanic. Perhaps the tornado outbreaks in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas that killed many people and destroyed lands and homes.

Or perhaps it was the need of a young woman to share her belief in Matthew 5:14-16, You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

We have celebrated the resurrection of our Saviour. We as believers are the light of the world. Let us take courage that we can, in our own corners, throughout Brantford, Brant County and beyond our borders bring hope and inspiration to those we encounter. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay shining.