

St. John's United Church  
First Sunday of Lent  
February 21, 2021  
Filmed Thursday Feb 18 at 9:30

Prelude- When Jesus Wept – Jean Jacques and Helen

Gathering Words

Introit: "Spirit Open My Heart

Spirit open my heart,  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As You love, may I love;  
in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit open my heart.

Prayer of Approach

God of the covenant,  
you are ever faithful.  
Your love never ends.  
Teach us your ways.  
And guide us in your paths of love and forgiveness,  
that we may witness to your grace  
and salvation. Amen.

Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" 120

Time to Wonder – Nancy Breitenstein

Hymn: "Called by Earth and Sky" MV 135

Scripture: Mark 1: 9-15 Kim Drake

Anthem – Pie Jesu – Helen and Jean-Jacques

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church;  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death  
in life beyond death  
God is with us.

We are not alone, Thanks be to God.

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 651

Blessing

Choral Blessing