

*St. John's United Church*

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

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*Please note that an asterisk \* invites you to stand as you are able  
Assistive Listening Systems are available - see ushers*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** "How Deep the Peace" MV #95

### ***To Praise God***

#### **Call to Worship**

One: Let us sing to God, who knows the depths of the Sea!

**All: May the Spirit pour God's love into our hearts!**

One: Let us sing to God, who fills the clouds with rain!

**All: May the Spirit pour God's love into our hearts!**

One: Let us sing to God, who brings forth water in the desert!

**All: May the Spirit pour God's love into our hearts!**

One: Let us sing to God, who separated the sea and the land!

**All: May the Spirit pour God's love into our hearts!**

**\*Hymn:** "Take Time to Be Holy " #672

#### **Prayer of Approach**

**O God, by whose power we are continually upheld and sustained, we lift up our hearts to you as the source of all light and love, all knowledge and truth, all goodness and joy. Help us to lay aside all anxious cares**

**and concerns from the busy world, and be with you in this holy place. Amen.**

***To Open the Scriptures***

**Scripture:** John 4:5-42 NT p. 115

**\*Hymn:** "Like a Rock" MV#92 (on screen)

**Time to Wonder & The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture:** Psalm 95 Pt. One, VU #814  
Romans 5:1-11 NT p. 188  
Ed Chajkowski

**Ministry of Music:** "My Saviour" *Besig*

**Sermon:** Rev. Paul Vavasour

**Post Sermon Prayer:** VU #564

**\*Hymn:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" #626

***To Respond in Faith***

**Minute for Mission:** Debbie Banks

**Offering**

**\*Doxology:** "In Gratitude and Humble Trust"  
#544 (on screen)

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Gracious God, we bring back these gifts to you, tokens of our work, our time, our loyalty. May your blessing be upon them, and upon our lives; and, may we be continually led to see how we may serve you more effectively; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

***We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith***

**\*Hymn:** "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families" #556

**Benediction**

**Choral Blessing:** "The Irish Blessing"

## **Ushers:**

Joyce Lamont, Barbara Rousseau, Brian Reid, Peter Wilkinson

**Our sincere sympathy** is extended to the Schryburt Family on the death of Denis. May God bless those who mourn.

## **Announcements**

**Message from the M&P Committee:** Rev. Lynda will be on medical leave until her medical issues are resolved. Coverage for pastoral emergencies over the next week: March 16-21 Paul Vavasour, 258-3629.

**Coffee Time** after church is suspended until further notice.

**Friendship Lunches** on Fridays are suspended until April 17.

**Bible Study** on Wed. March 18 at 10 am. All welcome.

**Sunday School** classes are cancelled for today due to March Break. Classes will resume on March 29.

**House of Lazarus** Lent food - For March 22 please bring boxed/side meals.

**Easter Memorials** - We invite you to make a donation to the Memorial Fund to honour the memory of loved one(s). Please contact the office, no later than **April 6**, if you wish to have a memorial listed. Easter donation envelopes are in the pews.

**Good Friday - Walk of the Cross** will begin at the Christian Reform Church at 10 am. St. John's volunteers are needed to do a reading and help carry the cross. Please sign up on sheet outside office door.

**Good Friday Service** is at 7 pm here at our church.

### **Easter Morning Services:**

**8am** - Easter Communion Service followed by breakfast hosted by Men's Breakfast Group.

**10am** - Easter Service

Volunteers needed for **House of Lazarus** book sale Friday, March 27th and Saturday, March 28th. Contact Chris at 258 7559 or wjchrismorgan@gmail.com.