

St. John's United Church



Second Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

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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

Announcements

Prelude: "The Cross" Robert C. Lau

To Praise God

Call to Worship:

A sacred day. A sacred time. A sacred place.

We come to settle into this sacred time of worship.

A holy word. A holy people. God, Most Holy.

We come to open our hearts and minds to God's holy and loving presence in our lives.

***Hymn:** "For the Fruit of All Creation" #227

Prayer of Approach:

Water of Life, **we thirst.**

Bread of the World, **we hunger.**

Giver of All Mercy, **we ache for a sense of your presence in our world. Pour into our lives anew; nourish our spirits afresh; touch our souls and help us to find our way. Be with us on this journey as we worship, we pray. Amen.**

To Open the Scriptures

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 1-9 OT p. 838

***Hymn:** "Seek Ye First" #356

Time to Wonder

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Luke 13: 1-9 NT p. 92 Roger Shantz

Ministry of Music: "Just a Closer Walk"
Traditional Arr. Ruth Schram

Sermon

To Respond in Faith

Minute for Mission: *Spencer Stroud*

***Hymn:** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower #703

Offering

***Doxology:** MV #188 v1 (on screen)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith

***Hymn:** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" #633

Benediction

Choral Blessing: #967

Ushers: Al Lockwood, Denis and Ruby Schryburt

Regional Prayer Cycle: North Augusta

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Czech Republic,
Poland, Slovakia

Lenten donation for House of Lazarus for next Sunday is **boxed side meals.**

Announcements

Wed. March 27 - Bible study at 10 am. All welcome.

UCW will meet at the church on Monday, April 1st at 1:30 p.m. All women of St. John's United Church are invited to attend.

The Sunday School have adopted the collection of gently used shoes/boots as our Lenten project. Shoes will be collected each Sunday until Easter. The shoes will be donated to Shoe Bank Canada which distributes these shoes locally, regionally or nationally. For more information visit the Shoe Bank Canada website.

St. John's Anniversary Dinner and Show - May 4

The show will feature music from Broadway and the movies. Tickets will be available in April.

Book Circle is on **April 29** at 7 pm in the lounge. The book is "The Dressmaker of Khair Khana" by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon.

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 16**, if you wish to have a memorial listed. Donations may also be put on the offering plate. Easter donation envelopes are in the pews.

Good Friday - Walk of the Cross will begin at the Christian Reform Church at 10 am. Bus pick up at North Grenville Community Church at 9:30 am and Holy Cross at 9:45 am.

Good Friday Service is at 7 pm at St. Paul's Presbyterian.

Easter Morning Services:

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

10am - Easter Service