



February 25, 2018

# *St. John's United Church*

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Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

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

## **Welcome**

## **Announcements**

**Prelude:** "Pie Jesu" Faure Soloist: Helen MacGregor  
(translation: "Blessed Jesu, Lord, I pray, In thy mercy grant them rest.")

## ***To Praise God***

### **Call to Worship:**

Come, friends, and hear once again what God has done for us.

**God has been faithful through our days.**

We come at different ages and stages, different generations,

**and we serve and worship together.**

Come and open your hearts to the God who will love and care for you through your entire life.

**We come to worship God.**

**\*Hymn:** "Blessed Assurance" #337

### **Prayer of Approach:**

**God, as we worship you today, open our hearts to those around us. May we see your faithfulness in each age and stage of our neighbours. In this Season of Lent, may we remember the promises you made to all generations – past, present, and future. Amen.**

**Introit:** MV 167 Hush! Hush! (Repeat once)  
(displayed on screen)

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## ***To Open the Scriptures***

**Scripture:** Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 OT p.15 *Lorna Carley*

**\*Hymn:** "One More Step Along the World I Go" #639

**Time to Wonder :** *Lorna Carley*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture:** Mark 8: 31-38 NT p.53 Spencer Stroud

**Ministry of Music:** "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"  
Tune: Salvation Arr. C. Bridwell

**Sermon:** *Ralph Taylor*

**\*Hymn:** Jesus Calls Us #562

## ***To Respond in Faith***

**Minute for Mission:** David Estey

## **Offering**

**\*Doxology:** "God Says" MV #172 Vs 4  
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## **Prayer of Dedication**

## **Prayers of the People**

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

**\*Hymn:** "To Abraham and Sarah" #634

## **Benediction**

**Choral Blessing:** #967

## **Ushers**

*Diane Miller, Paul Sharpe, Cathy and Terry Little*

**Thank you** to Ralph Taylor and Lorna Carly for leading worship in Lynda's absence.

## Announcements

**Today - The Annual General Meeting** is today after church with Fellowship provided by the choir. Copies of the report are available at the back of the church and have been emailed to all those on the church email list.

**Lazarus** House for next Sunday of Lent - canned pasta.

**Easter Chocolates** completed order forms need to be submitted to Lorna Carley by **today**. All orders will be ready for pick up by March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Wed. Feb. 28- Bible Study** at 10 am in the lounge.

**Men's Breakfast** is Sunday, March 4th at **8:30** a.m. Please join us for the continental breakfast and casual fellowship.

**UCW** will be held on **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 at Bayfield Manor. We will celebrate the World Day of Prayer with our friends at Bayfield. Come and enjoy our time together.

**Easter Memorials** - Again this year, 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 **March 25**, if you wish to have a memorial listed. Donations may also be put on the offering plate. Easter donation envelopes are in the pews. These names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

**The craft group** is seeking gentlemen who would be interested in some wood projects we have in mind for the church bazaar. If interested please see Nancy Breitenstein downstairs after church.

**St. John's Anniversary Dinner and Show - May 5**  
"Love Around the World Variety Show" - featuring talent celebrating Love. Email [hmacgregor9@gmail.com](mailto:hmacgregor9@gmail.com) to register for participation in the variety show.