

St. John's United Church



First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 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: "Winter Lullaby" By Pinkzebra
Duet: Nancy & Tobi

To Praise God

Call to Worship:

We are gathered here on the first Sunday of Lent.

It marks the time of Jesus' journey in the wilderness.

Jesus invites us on this journey to discover more about ourselves and to discover more about his way.

Come, let us go with Jesus on this journey.

***Hymn:** "Eternal, Unchanging" #223

Prayer of Approach:

God, you know our hearts. You know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Amen.

To Open the Scriptures

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 OT p.226

***Hymn:** "The Lord's My Shepherd" #747

Scripture: Luke 4: 1-13 NT p.74 *Roger Shantz*

Ministry of Music: "By and By" Spiritual Arr. W. Ehret

Sermon

To Respond in Faith

Minute for Mission: Heather Nesbitt

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn:** "As We Gather at Your Table" #457

Sacrament of Communion (on screen)

Communion Song: "Jesus, My All, to Heaven Is Gone" Spiritual Arr. K. L. Scott Solo: Helen

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith

***Hymn:** "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence" #421

Benediction

Choral Blessing: #967

Ushers: Joyce Lamont, Cathy Reeves, Paul Sharpe

Regional Prayer Cycle: Zion-Memorial Carleton Place

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

Lenten donation for House of Lazarus for next Sunday is canned fruit.

Announcements

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.

Easter Chocolates - Remember to submit your orders for the Easter chocolates by **Today!**

Sunday School will not be held on March 10 or March 17 due to March Break. Join us on March 24 as we journey through the Season of Lent.

Wed. March 13 - Bible study at 10 am. All welcome.

St. John's Anniversary Dinner and Show - May 4
The show will feature music from Broadway and the movies. Email Helen hmacgregor9@gmail.com or come to the office to register for participation in the variety show. Deadline for sign up for the show is **March 17**.

St. Patrick's Day Soupfest, March 17 after church. Wear your green and come whet your whistle with a variety of tasty soups hosted by the Social Committee.

Book Circle is on **March 18** at 7 pm in the lounge. The book is "Two Steps Forward" by Graeme Simsion and Anne Buist.

"The Return of Rock N. Rolly" murder mystery on **Sat. Mar. 23** is looking for some decorations to help set the mood. The murder is set at a high school reunion in 1959 so we would love some 45's, year books, posters, a jackpot would be a jukebox!!! Please contact Barbara at 613-258-4526 if you have anything to lend. You are invited to come if you like in late 50's garb. **Tickets** for the amazing **dinner and the mystery** are \$30 and are available at the office or through the finance committee.

Lunch and Learn with Casual Choir at Winchester United on March 18 - 11 am to 1 pm. See poster for details.