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St., John's United Church

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Minister: Rev. Lynda Harrison Organist and Choir Director: Larry Wesley

> Fourth Sunday of Lent March 11, 2018

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

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude: "Be Thou My vision" Traditional Irish Arr. C. Courtney Duet: Nancy McIntyre & Tobi Szufranowicz

To Praise God

Call to Worship:

We come from north, south, east, and west to proclaim:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We come carrying heartbreak and hope to proclaim: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

We come as children, full of exuberance and uncertainty, to proclaim:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We come as elders, bearing wisdom and exhaustion, to proclaim:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We come to worship to proclaim:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn: "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind" #234

Prayer of Approach:

Loving God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, your abundant ways of being present to the world amaze and delight us. Inspire wisdom and enthusiasm that our continuing journey through Lent may be one of fruitful searching and meaningful encounter with the messages and encouragements you send. Guide us to love and be loved. Amen. Introit: MV 167 Hush! Hush! (displayed on screen) Reproduced with permission under license #C17014 – LicenSing Online

To Open the Scriptures

Scripture: Psalm 107 1-3, 17-22 VU #831

*Hymn: "God of the Sparrow" #229

Time to Wonder

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: John 3: 14-21 NT p.114 Heather Nesbitt

Ministry of Music: "God Give Us Life" John L. Bell

Sermon

*Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #333

To Respond in Faith

Offering

***Doxology:** MV #172 – "God Says" vs 4 (displayed on screen)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith

*Hymn: "We Shall Go Out with Hope" #586

Benediction

Choral Blessing: #973

Ushers

Jean and Howard Hammond Laurie Fraser, Emile Lajoie

Announcements

Wed. March 14- Bible Study at 10 am in the lounge. House of Lazarus for next Sunday of Lent - pasta sauces.

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.

March 18 Operation Stuffie for Rideau Hill Camp -

Justine Stroud will be in the hall downstairs adopting out her 100+ stuffies for a free will donation to send a child, who could not otherwise afford it, to Rideau Hill Camp.

March 18th Brunch - Do you like GREEN EGGS and HAM?? The Social Committee will be hosting a brunch Sunday, March 18th after church. Free will offering.

The craft group is seeking people 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 <u>hmacgregor9@gmail.com</u> to

register for participation in the variety show.