

*St. John's United Church*



Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 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:** "Amen, Amen, It Shall Be So"  
John Bell

## ***To Praise God***

### **Call to Worship:**

People of God, listen! We are being called together.

**As we continue on our Lenten journey, a voice in the wilderness seems to be drawing us in – inviting us into unity and communion as one.**

People of God, listen! There is a whispering presence urging us to draw near.

**Our loving God reaches into our lives in this season and seems to be spreading wings of protection and nurturance over us. Come, let us be a people gathered together in God's protective love.**

**\*Hymn:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"  
#374

### **Prayer of Approach:**

**We look to the stars, the billions of stars in our heavens. Holy One, how can we do anything but wonder in amazement, and count ourselves as both divinely blessed and minutely insignificant, at once. Our**

**story seems so small, and yet we know you have been with us for every breath and step of it. Help us to be transformed by the glory of your eternity on display. Show us how to lift our sights beyond our fears and our assumptions. Strengthen our spirits as we journey together through Lent. Amen.**

***To Open the Scriptures***

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 27 #754

**Scripture:** Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 OT p. 14  
Lorna Carley

**\*Hymn:** "How Great Thou Art" #238

**Scripture:** Luke 13: 31-35 NT p. 93

**Ministry of Music:** "My Savior" Besig & Price

**Sermon**

***To Respond in Faith***

**\*Hymn:** "The Church's One Foundation" #331

**Offering**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

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

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

**Benediction**

**Choral Blessing:** "Irish Blessing" Traditional

**Ushers:** Paul Sharpe, Bill Patterson, Patty Paterson

**Regional Prayer Cycle:** Queenswood

**Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:** Estonia, Latvia,  
Lithuania

**Lenten donation for House of Lazarus** for next Sunday is canned pasta.

### **Announcements**

**St. Patrick's Day Soupfest** - Today downstairs!

**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.

**Wed. March 20** - 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](mailto:hmacgregor9@gmail.com) or come to the office to register for participation in the variety show. Deadline for sign up for the show is **Today**.

**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.