



St. John's United Church

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

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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 and Announcements

Prelude: "Amazing Grace" *Traditional*

Solo: Nancy Miller -McKenzie

To Praise God

Call to Worship

***Hymn:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness " VU #375

Prayer of Approach

ONE: In strength of mind and body, gracious God, you have made us for your service.

ALL: Given speech and song, we, your creatures, rejoice in your praise. Yet we would bless you too in quietness, recognizing how gentle is your love. Holy God, we have come home to that love. Saviour Jesus, in mercy call us sisters and brothers in your love.

Holy Spirit, give us love for one another across this troubled earth. Amen

To Open the Scriptures

Scripture: Matthew 4: 1-11 NT p. 3

***Hymn:** "Come to My Heart" VU #661

Time to Wonder

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 OT p. 2
Kim Drake

Ministry of Music: "Make Me a Channel of Your
Peace" S. Temple Arr. M. Barnard

Meditation on Lent: Rev. Paul Vavasour

Lenten Prayer: All VU 110

To Respond in Faith

Minute for Mission: Heather Nesbitt

Offering

***Doxology:** #220 vs 4 (on screen)

Prayer of Dedication:

**We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for the free and abundant gift of grace
you have given us in Jesus Christ.
Let the simple gifts of our lives
be a sign of our unending gratitude
for your undying love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

***Hymn:** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #473

Sacrament of Communion (on screen)

Prayers of the People (on screen)

We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith

***Hymn:** "Oh Jesus, I Have Promised" VU #120

Benediction

ONE: In the Season of Lent we will journey inward to encounter God's presence in our daily lives; we will journey outward to encounter God's presence in all creation, and we will journey onward beyond what we know. By faith, we will discover who we are and who we want to be.

Therefore, go in peace to learn, serve, and share in the abundance for which you were created.

ALL: We belong to one another.

ONE: May the love of God pursue you, the light of Christ enfold you, and the Holy Spirit keep you this day and your whole life long.

Choral Blessing: #967

Ushers:

Joyce Lamont, Bill Patterson,
Marg Lockyer , Peter Wilkinson

Announcements

Message from the M&P Committee: Rev. Lynda will be on medical leave until her medical issues are resolved. Coverage for pastoral emergencies over the next week: March 1-8 Paul Vavasour.

The Annual General Meeting is Today.

Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported the Pancake Brunch last Sunday. The proceeds from this event will assist the Sunday School in purchasing their curriculum for 2020-2021.

Bible Study on Wed. March 4 at 10 am. All welcome.

UCW will celebrate World Day of Prayer at Bayfield Manor on **Monday, March 2nd** at 2:00 p.m. The service is written by the Women of Zimbabwe .

Chocolate order forms are available in hall today. All orders need to be submitted by **March 8**.

St. John's Anniversary Dinner and Show - May 2

Come to the office to register for participation in the variety show with Helen. Deadline for sign up for the show is **March 16**. Tickets on sale now in the office.

The Stewardship Committee is requesting food items during the period of Lent that will be given to **House of Lazarus**. For March 8 please bring canned fruit.