

St. John's United Church



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 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: "Standin' In the Need of Prayer"
Spiritual Soloist: Josie Dunn

To Praise God

Call to Worship: – based on 2 Corinthians 5
We walk by faith, not by sight;

For the love of Christ urges us on.

In Christ, we are a new creation.

Everything has become new!

Come, enter this time of worship:

**May we be renewed in our spirit, through
Jesus Christ.**

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

Prayer of Approach:

**How incredible is your love, O God! We
have been made new in your love and
reconciled to you and to each other in
peace and joy. Be with us this day as we
hear your words of comfort and hope.
Guide our lives that we may serve you
more fully all of our days. Amen.**

To Open the Scriptures

Scripture: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 NT p. 95

***Hymn:** "Would You Bless Our Homes and
Families" #556

Time to Wonder

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 NT p.220
Ian Carley

Ministry of Music: "Behold the Wood"
Dan Schutte Arr. Larry Wesley

Sermon

To Respond in Faith

***Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" #266

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith

***Hymn:** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #120

Benediction

Choral Blessing: #967

Ushers: Al Lockwood, Denis and Ruby Schryburt

Regional Prayer Cycle: Hawthorne–Ottawa

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

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

Announcements

Wed. April 3 - Bible study at 10 am. All welcome.

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.

St. John's Anniversary Dinner and Show - May 4

The show will feature music from Broadway and the movies. **Tickets** are available in the office. Pork Loin Dinner! Adults \$18, Family \$40, Kids 12 and under \$8.

Book Circle is on **April 29** at 7 pm in the lounge. The book is "The Dressmaker of Khair Khana" by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon.

Easter Memorials - 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 **April 16**, if you wish to have a memorial listed. Donations may also be put on the offering plate. Easter donation envelopes are in the pews.

Good Friday - Walk of the Cross will begin at the Christian Reform Church at 10 am. Bus pick up at North Grenville Community Church at 9:30 am and Holy Cross at 9:45 am. **Good Friday Service** is at 7 pm at St. Paul's Presbyterian.

Easter Morning Services:

8am - Easter Communion Service followed by breakfast hosted by Men's Breakfast Group.

10am - Easter Service

Rideau Hill Camp clean-up will take place on April 27th at 9:00 am till late afternoon. Please come out and view the camp. Enjoy the day and get plenty of exercise and help to prepare our lovely grounds for its summer guests. There will be plenty of exercise with lunch provided for all volunteers. Please bring a rake and work gloves. Any lunch, drink and snack donations will be greatly appreciated. Contact Dale or Kathy Kirkpatrick 258-4367.