



*St. John's United Church*  
Second Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 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:** "The Wonder of It All" George Shea  
**To Praise God**

## **Call to Worship**

One: As we gather here this morning, we bring our strengths and weaknesses into this place, amongst each other, because we want to learn about God's promise to bless us.

**All: Each of us is part of God's promise to one another. We worship in the light of hope that we will bless one another as we are blessed.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

**\*Hymn:** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"  
#560

## **Prayer of Approach**

One: Good teacher God, you gather us to bless and be blessed because we cannot have one without the other. You teach us gently how to do this in your strength.

**All: And so we offer you praise, Holy One, because you guide our thoughts and hearts so we may guide others toward your loving presence. Amen.**

## **To Open the Scriptures**

**Scripture:** John 3:1-17 NT p. 114

**\*Hymn:** "Jesus Bids Us Shine" #585

## **Time to Wonder**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture:** Genesis 12:1-4a OT p. 12  
 Psalm 121 VU p. 844  
 Nancy Breitenstein

**Ministry of Music:** "It Is No Secret" *Stuart Hamblen*

**Sermon:** Rev. Paul Vavasour

**\*Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" #567

### ***To Respond in Faith***

## **Minute for Mission**

### **Offering**

**\*Doxology:** "In Gratitude and Humble Trust"  
 #544

## **Prayer of Dedication:**

### **Prayers of the People**

One: We gather today to remember the promises made to our ancestors.

**All: We belong to one another.**

One: We are born into earthly families that form our cultural identities.

**All: We belong to one another.**

One: We are also born into families that form our spiritual identities.

**All: We belong to one another.**

One: We pray for those who do not share our beliefs about God and ask God for the grace that will keep us out of the rivalry.

**All: We belong to one another.**

One: We pray for ourselves and ask God for love that will reveal to us who we are, who we are becoming, and ways that we may love and be loved when our beliefs are challenged. Help each of us when we face illness or loss. Remind us that each of us is not alone, for you are with us

constantly.

**All: We belong to one another.  
Amen.**

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

**\*Hymn:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand " #670

**Benediction**

**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 9-15 Paul Vavasour, 258-3629.

**Bible Study** on Wed. March 11 at 10 am. All welcome.

**Chocolate** order forms are available in hall today. All orders need to be submitted by **TODAY** to Lorna Carley

**Sunday School** classes are cancelled for March 15 and March 22 due to March Break. Classes will resume on March 29.

**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 15 please bring canned pasta.

**The Book Circle** next meeting is **April 20** and the book is "Keeper'n Me" by Richard Wagamese. "By turns funny, poignant and mystical, *Keeper'n Me* reflects a positive view of Native life and philosophy—as well as casting fresh light on the redemptive power of one's community and traditions."