

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Gathering Song:

God is the One whom we seek together,
God is the Life which is part of us all;
God is the Truth and the mark of mystery,
God is the Love and the Joy that makes us whole. (X2)
(sing after 2nd repeat)
and the Joy that makes us whole
VU#283

Call to Worship ~

Let us come together, all who would find favour in the eyes of the Lord.

Together let us find strength to face the tests of this world.

Let us lift up each other in prayer for God's strength in life.

For only as we serve the Lord do we grow in genuine dignity.

Then let us turn our hearts to God in joyful songs and praise!

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

* **Singing: Throughout these Lenten Days and Nights**
VU#108

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Gracious God, You have brought us to this season of Lent, this time of preparation for crucifixion and resurrection: give us courage so to examine ourselves, to be honest about who we are and to what we are called, that we might meet with joy, on Easter morning, our risen Saviour; to Whom with You and the Spirit, one holy God, be honour and praise, now and forever. We join together in praying...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

Reader 1: Today is the first Sunday in the Season of Lent.

This season offers us the opportunity to be more reflective as we journey together with Jesus through the wilderness and beyond.

Reader 2: As followers of Jesus, we have all experienced times of testing and temptation – times we have felt that we were travelling in the wilderness.

Reader 1: As people of faith we confess that in the face of difficult decisions we are sometimes drawn to easy answers and actions that do not demand much of us.

Reader 2: As we extinguish the first Lenten candle we recall the ways in which we struggle to embody our faith in the actions of our lives.

(Extinguishing of one Lenten candle)

Reader 1: As we watch the smoke rise, we remember that God's spirit is with us in mysterious and tangible ways. We are reminded that God comforts, encourages and supports us as we face the challenges of following the Way of Jesus.

Reader 2: Knowing ourselves to be loved and blessed, we raise our voices in song – a prayer to you, O God.

PRAYER

God of wilderness wanderings, when we are lost or feel alone, You are with us. When we lose hope and our faith falters in times of adversity and challenge, You are there ready to guide and inspire us. As we follow Jesus' footsteps on our Lenten journey may we be open to your comforting and yet challenging presence among us. May we walk together with unity of heart and purpose as people of faith, hope and courage. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Singing: As we are gathered Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
Part of the body, - the Church of God.
As we are gathered Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here.

Anthem: O Shepherd You Supply My Need

Children's Time

Singing: Standin' in the Need of Prayer SOG#180

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**Scripture Readings: Genesis 2: 15-17 p. 2 /
Genesis 3: 1-7 p. 2 / Matthew 4: 1-11 p. 785**

Reflections ~ Lean on Me When You're Not Strong

Singing: If You Will Trust in God to Guide You VU#286

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

Presentation of ourselves & gifts to God

Offertory: Praise that the holy Son,
The Builder, Jesus Christ
Has come to show the way of love
And to increase our life. (tune 715 VU)

Offertory prayer: Gracious God, we are awed by Your goodness to us. Hear us now, as we offer ourselves and our gifts that Your will might be done on earth through the many ministries of Your people through Your Church. Enable us to be helpers in this Your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WE ARE SENT OUT IN SERVICE

We come to prayer singing:

At the start of the day as we gather to pray,
Will you remember me?
I need help every day this is why I pray
Will you remember me?

When you pray will you pray for me,
For I need His love and His care;
When you pray will you pray for me,
Will you whisper my name in your prayer?

Chorus

When I pray I will pray for you,
For you need his love and his care;
When I pray I will pray for you,
I will whisper your name in my prayer. **Chorus**

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *Trust and Obey*

SOG#135

Benediction ~

We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee & conversation. Serving you this morning is the UCW.

Please Pray For: Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Roger Benoit, Bernice, Bonnie, Ian Brewster, Brigida, Carolyn, Colleen, Laura Cuthbertson, Hugh Davidson, Carol Delisle, Dianah, Heather Downs, Eric Drakeford, Elizabeth Eastman, Lynn Edwards, Karen Elkin, Mary-Alice Epps, Madeline Gagnon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Jo Gaston, George, Gladys, Jennifer, Justin, Kristy, Lance & family, Patricia Langevin, Roger Laplante, Marilyn Little, Marcelle, Dennis McKeating, Laura McLean, Mile, Cheryl Miller, Terry Muncey, Paige, Nancy Pappin, Julie Patterson, Denise Pheeny, Anne & Ernie Presseau, Gail Provencher, Gilles Provencher, Sarah Puskas, Don and Phyllis Reid, Robert Robertson, Chester Ross, Diana Salter, Lou & Joan Sarka, Ken Semper, Sharon, Eileen & Donald Sim, Reynold Skeete, Joan Spurrell, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, Phyllis Triangle, Christina Vincent, Margaret Whittal, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell.

Announcements

- A great big **thank you** to all who helped with the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and who attended! Enormous thanks to Elizabeth Edwards for her "hand" in it. What a lovely evening it was!
- The **World Day of Prayer** will be held at St. George's Anglican Church on Friday, Mar. 6th, at 2 pm. All welcome.
- On Wednesday, Mar. 4th and Thursday, Mar. 5th, a movie called "**The Drop Box**," a documentary of a Christian minister in South Korea who takes in abandoned babies, is being shown at the Kirkland Theatre in the evening. Anyone wanting to attend,

please speak to Rev. Alice. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

- On Sunday, **March 8th** we are looking forward to having **Group Aeternal** with us.
- **Please take note of our new email address on the back of the bulletin.**
- **Please pay for your renewal subscription for the Observer \$20. Thank you.**

Reminders:

- **Food Pantry:** Baked beans, canned meat, veggies and fruit. Thank you all for your great generosity!!
- **The Benevolent Fund** ~ The money you donate goes to needy families in our community. Baskets are placed at the Sanctuary exits & donations can also be handed into the church office. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels & dimes to support the **Sunday school**. Thank you for your generosity.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	10:00 am	Prayer Fellowship
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Deep & Wide
“ “	8:30 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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~WORSHIP ~

February 22, 2015 ~ 10:30 am

Lent I



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Organist & Music Director: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Audrey Bauer

Stewards: Norm Elkin, Keith Motton