

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Gathering Song:

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.
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Call to Worship ~

Leader: On this second Sunday of Lent we step out gingerly, courageously, fearfully, stridently.

People: The Lenten experience always consists of a single step.

Leader: We wonder where our adventure will lead us.

People: In faith we walk with the One Who accompanies us into garden, wilderness, and city street.

Leader: May the Spirit of God be within you so that you will live!

* **Singing: *New Every Morning*** VU#405

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Companion God, we journey the pathway of Lent aware that a series of crosses is before us. But as we look into the distance the crosses grow smaller, a sure sign that you are walking along with us. May each movement be sure-footed, and may we walk straight toward your welcoming embrace., as we venture in faith. We pray together...

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 second Sunday of the season of Lent. We have embarked on a journey of faith with each other and with Jesus on His journey to Jerusalem.

Reader 2: We remember how Jesus challenged and encouraged His disciples to embrace His way of ministry and to respond to God's call with faith-filled living.

Reader 1: We give thanks for God's covenant with our ancestors in faith and for the wisdom that we are blessed to be a blessing to others.

Reader 2: As we extinguish the second Lenten candle we commit ourselves to follow Jesus' way even though we know that at times we will fall short of Christ-like living.

(Extinguishing of one Lenten candle)

Reader 1: As we watch the smoke rise we give thanks that God's Spirit is always with us and that God forgives and encourages us to strive to live in right relationship with ourselves, others and God.

Reader 2: Knowing ourselves to be people of promise and blessing, we raise our voices in song – a prayer to you, O God.

PRAYER

God of promise and blessing, we give thanks that we do not travel alone on this journey of faith. We are grateful for the wisdom of our ancestors in faith and for the wisdom and witness of our community of faith today. Guide our steps that we may follow Jesus and seek to emulate His ministry of compassionate service. Encourage us when we face challenges and feel discouraged. Remind us of your constant presence as we walk together, this day and in the days to come. Amen

Singing: God is the One Whom we seek together,
God is the Life Who 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.

VU#283

Anthem: *All Because of God's Amazing Grace*

Children's Time

Singing: *God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty* SOG#164

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings: Mark 8:31-33 & Mark 9:2-9 p. 820

Reflections ~ Highs and Lows: What's going on?

Singing: We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding VU#104

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

Presentation of ourselves & gifts to God

Offertory: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offertory prayer: Bless our offerings, O God, as we remember the Lord's sacrifice for us, that others may discover and rejoice in Your salvation. Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT IN SERVICE

We come to prayer singing:

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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: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* VU#334

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 Prayer Fellowship.

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 Pousseau, 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

- Please pick up your tax receipts and your newsletters today.
- **Drama Practice**, Tuesday evening at 6:00pm
- **Anyone wanting to see the documentary "The Drop Box"** (March 4&5), please speak to Rev. Alice.
- **World Day of Prayer – St. George's, March 6 at 1:00 pm.**
- **Classical Concert at Summerlea United, #225 - 50th Avenue, Lachine**
Well known pianist, Elias-Axel Pettersson, will be performing works by Bach, Chopin and Scriabin on Saturday, March 7th at 7pm. A suggested

donation: \$12. For more information, please call 514-634-2651.

- Next 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.**

Reminders:

- **Food Pantry:** Coffee, Baked beans, canned fruit & veggies. 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
“ “	6:00 pm	Drama Practice
Wednesday	8:30 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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~WORSHIP ~

March 1, 2015 ~ 10:30 am

Lent II



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Organist & Music Director: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Richard Fortier

Stewards: Joanne Goodfellow & Jim Meldrum