

## 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: The sounds of spring are near us, the hope of Christ sustains us, the presence of God surrounds us.

**People: May we hear God's message of hope in a world filled with pain; may we share Christ's message of peace in a world filled with hatred; may we discover anew God's plan for our lives in a world filled with confusion and fear.**

Leader: Lent is a time to focus again on the ways in which we can make a difference for others.

**People: Today is a day to set aside the past, and to be open to God's future in Jesus Christ.**

#### \* Singing: As Comes the Breath of Spring VU#373

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer:** God of springtime growth, coming out of the cold we seek the flames of faith to warm us, to comfort us, and to disturb our complacency. We hunger and thirst for You, searching in what is often a desolate world. Be present to us in worship that we might find ourselves nourished and bearing fruit in the midst of the barren places where our Lenten journey leads. We pray as Jesus taught us ...

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 fifth Sunday of the season of Lent. As we continue to travel with each other, listening to the stories of our ancestors in faith, we pause to give thanks for faith, persistence, and hope for the future.

**Reader 2:** Like Jesus as He struggled alone anticipating the cross, we know all too well the pain of loss. We also remember that we can experience comfort and renewal through the loving presence of dear friends and family.

**Reader 1:** The prophet Ezekiel reminds us that even in the wilderness experiences of life, when everything seems dry and lifeless, God's restorative spirit can breathe new life and hope into our lives.

**Reader 2:** As we extinguish the fifth Lenten candle we acknowledge that even with our best intentions we sometimes feel discouraged and anxious about the future.

(Extinguishing of one Lenten candle)

**Reader 1:** As we watch the smoke rise we are reminded that God's spirit is always with us in mysterious and visible ways in our community of faith and in the world.

**Reader 2:** With thanksgiving for your constant and faithful presence, we raise our voices in song, a prayer to you, O God.

**\*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

**Prayer: Gracious God, You breathe new life into our lives every moment of every day. In this Lenten season, help us to be attentive to Your life-giving spirit in the ordinary activities of our lives. May we trust in Your enduring and faithful presence as we seek to discern Your guidance for us as people of faith. We give thanks for Your love made known in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Amen**

#### Children's Time

#### \*Singing: Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU#299

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 p.642  
John 12:20-33 p.875**

**Reflections ~ : " Finding Life By Losing It"**

#### Singing: Now the Green Blade Rises VU#186

### WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

#### Presentation of ourselves & gifts to God

**Offertory:** In mighty acts the people see  
Your power and glory, God;  
We, too, in serving and in love  
Give witness to the world. (tune 650 VU)

**Offertory prayer:** To You Who offers new life, may we offer ourselves in loving service. Use us as You will as part of Your community, springing to life in the very midst of our tired world. Use us and our gifts, we pray. Amen

### WE ARE SENT OUT IN SERVICE

**Anthem: "And He's ever Interceding"**

**We bring our prayers to God**

#### \*Singing: O Jesus, I Have Promised VU#120

**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 United Church Women (UCW).*

**Please Pray For:** Marsk, Rennie & Keifer, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Roger Benoit, Bernice, Bonnie, Ian Brewster, Brigida, Carol, Carolyn, Colleen, Laura Cuthbertson, Hugh Davidson, Carol Delisle, Dianah, Heather Downs, Eric Drakeford, Elizabeth Eastman, Lynn Edwards, Karen Elkin, Mary-Alice Epps, 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, Sandra Murphy, 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**

- **Drama Practice**, Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm
- **Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, the worship service will be held in Memorial Hall with the dramatic presentation “HEROse”**
- **Our sympathies are extended to Michael and Joanne Gagnon(Debbie Murray’s sister) in the passing of Michel’s mother, Madeline Gagnon.**
- **We are anticipating welcoming new members into the Church in April. Anyone interested in joining, please speak to Rev. Alice.**
- **St. Patrick’s Day Parade, March 29 at 1:00 pm**
- **We have the possibilities of having a fund-raiser in connection with Pizza Hut. On a specific evening, for \$12. Adult/\$5.Child, one can enjoy a buffet-various pizzas, salads, desserts, with \$5.Adult/\$2.Child going to St. A’s. In order for it to work we need 75 participants, including tickets being sold to anyone at the door. If you’re interested, please sign the bulletin board list so we can get an idea of numbers.**

- **Concert – April 4 8:00 pm – “Joyaux d’Angleterre” / Studio de Musique Ancienne de Montreal**
- **Please take note of our new email address on the back of the bulletin.**

**Reminders:**

- **Food Pantry:** 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**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Badminton</b>
“ “	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Prayer Fellowship</b>
“ “	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Drama Practice</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Badminton</b>
“ “	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>AA Meeting</b>

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# ST. ANDREW’S UNITED CHURCH

**182nd Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2014**

**~WORSHIP ~**

**March 22, 2015 ~ 10:30 am**

**Lent V**



**Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine**

**Organist & Music Director: Doreen Gilbert Bangs**

**To greet you ~**

**Elder: Bruce Snair**

**Stewards: Joanne Goodfellow & Chester Ross**