

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

**Announcements ~**

**Gathering Song ~**

Clap your hands together all ye people,  
Clap your hands together all ye people,  
Sing unto God with the voice of melody,  
Clap your hands together.

**Vu#294**

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: The terrain of worship varies; the expanse of it is boundless.

**People: in the days and weeks of Lent, God bids us to worship with exploring spirits.**

Leader: We enter this season as though entering a wilderness place.

**People: There are subtle movements round about us, soft sounds new to our hearing, rugged stretches testing our strength.**

*All: In keeping with one another, may we perceive the Spirit's movement, hear the calls of faith, and grow strong in accepting the guidance of God.*

**\*Singing: We praise You, Creator**

**VU#293**

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer:** Father God, we come to this place to learn about You through Your Son, to hear, to see, and feel again. We come to regain the discipline of prayer, the joy of song, and the power of Scripture. Lead us to understand ourselves in the light of Who You are. In so doing may we become windows for Your love and truth through the spirit of the prayer... "Our Father...."

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. (Yeah God!)

**Week One: Resistance**

*Reader 1: There are many temptations we face in our lives together. We face the temptation of putting our wants above another's needs. We face the temptation of ignoring problems such as hunger, poverty, war, and disease, with the false hope that they will go away without our intervention. We face the temptations of wealth and consumerism. We face many temptations to stray from the path of our faith.*

*Reader 2: We light this candle as a symbol our faith in Jesus Christ to help us resist the temptations of the world.*

*Prayer: Lord, help us to keep our feet moving, our hands outstretched, and our hearts open to you. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, keep us from temptation and help us to do Your work in our world. Amen*

**Sung Response**

We are walking a path of hope,  
We are walking a path of hope,  
We are walking a path of hope,  
Lead us home, lead us home.

**Anthem: Heavenly Sunshine**

**Children's Time ~**

**Singing: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus**

**VU#357**

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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

**Reflections: Lent: Fast or Feast?**

**Singing: Throughout these Lenten Days and Nights**

**VU#108**

## WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

**Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God**

**Doxology:**

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 ~** Accept, O God, these tithes and offerings, and extend your blessing both to those who give and to those who receive; for without Your gracious benediction these gifts remain inert and useless. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.

**We come to prayer singing:**

Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's ashes  
As another Lent begins;  
Thus we kneel before our Maker  
In contrition for our sins.  
We have marred baptismal pledges,  
In rebellion gone astray;  
Now, returning, seek forgiveness;  
Grant us pardon, God, this day!

**VU#107**

**We bring our prayers to God**

**Singing: Jesus Calls Us**

**VU#562**

**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:** Baby David & his family, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Bernice, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Brigida, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Raphael Daros, Heather Downs, Eric Drakeford, Sylvan Duguay Andrew Eccles, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Kevin Fallon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Jo Gaston, George, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Justin, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Jemma Mahabir, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Kathy Meney, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Anne & Ernie Presseau, Sarah Puskas, Margaret Reany & family, Suzanne Ross, Bruce Ryan, Joan Sarka, Eileen & Donald Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Jan Verschoote, Christina & Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell

### Announcements

- A huge thank you goes to all who organized and helped and attended the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper! What a marvelous time of good will and fellowship! We're happy to say that we made a profit of \$408 for the church. The next event will be our **Coffee & Bake Sale on Mar. 21 at 10:00 am.**
- There will be a Prayer for Healing service next Sunday in the Parlour after morning worship.

### Reminders

Our food pantry is quite low. We need veggies, beans, canned meat, tea and coffee and anything else you might think of. Thank you for your generosity.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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*184<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2017*

*~ WORSHIP ~*

**March 5, 2017 ~ 10:30 am**



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

**Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs**

*To greet you ~*

**Elder: Sandra Fortier**

**Stewards: Joanne Goodfellow & Eric Robinson**