

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Group Aeternal ~ *There's A River/Into His Hands*

Announcements ~

Gathering Song ~ Group Aeternal: In A Place

Call to Worship:

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

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

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

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

Leader: 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* 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 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. Amen.

Group Aeternal ~ *In Christian Unity*

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: *Lead Me God* VU#662

Lead me God, lead me in your righteousness,
Make your way plain before my face,
For it is you, and you, God only,
Who makes me to dwell in safety.

Group Aeternal: What More Do I Deserve?

Children's Time ~

Singing: *I Love to Tell the Story* VU#343

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings: Acts 4:32-37 p.888

1Corinthians 15:3-11 p.935

Group Aeternal: *I Heard His Voice*

Reflections ~ Daniel Garvin

Singing: *Amazing Grace*

VU#266

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 ~ 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 Come to Prayer Singing:

Group Aeternal: *When I Go Home*

We bring our prayers to God ~

Group Aeternal: *Until That Day*

Singing: *O Christ, In Thee my soul*

VU#630

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 Session.

Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Brigitta Blersch, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Larry Brazier, Leah & Chris, Liam Broomer, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Carol Epps, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Dan Gingras, Gladys, Colette Humphries, Schofield Jackson, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Dan McVeigh, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Harley Parkinson, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Cheryl Rogers, Bruce Ryan, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, John Taylor, Jan Verschoote, Margaret Whittal, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.

Announcements

- Let's give a warm welcome Group Aeternal. Thank you for being with us this morning.
- There will be a list to sign on the bulletin board for those who would like to participate in St Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m.
- Tickets for the Coffee Party & Bake Sale for March 26 are on sale. Please see UCW members to buy yours.

Reminders

- Our food pantry is looking better. We would need canned meat, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce & juice. We have enough soup for now. Thank you for your generosity.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	10:00 am	Prayer Fellowship
Wednesday	8:30 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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~WORSHIP~

March 10, 2019 ~ 10:30 am

Welcome Group Aeternal



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Anna Snair

Stewards: Joanne Goodfellow & Eric Robinson