

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Gathering Song: *I Love You with the Love of the Lord*

Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us come together for worship all who love the Lord!

People: For in our darkness, the Lord came to redeem us,

Leader: That the whole world would hear of God's mercy and grace.

People: We are God's light to others who are living in the darkness.

Leader: We are God's witnesses that the Gospel of Christ is true.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Singing: *Come, We that Love the Lord* VU#714

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Lord of life, we rejoice that we can be together for worship. We give thanks for all who gather in places such as this, for all who seek to live by truth, and for all who run the risks of loving. Teach us to care enough to walk with our neighbours, to speak with our friends, and to work in our community. Lead us again to pray....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!)

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 light 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.

(Light one Lenten candle)

Reader 1: As we watch the flame shining brightly 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.

**We are walking a path of grace, (3X)
Lead us home, lead us home.
221 MVU**

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

Anthem: *Footsteps of Jesus*

Children's Time

Singing: *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

VU#176

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 p. 926
John 8: 1-12 p. 870

Reflections: The foolishness and grace of Jesus

Singing: *O Christ, in Thee My Soul Has Found* VU#630

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Happiness is to know the Savior, living a life within His favor,
Having a change in my behavior – Happiness is the Lord;

Happiness is a new creation – Jesus and me in close relation,
Having a part in His salvation.

Happiness is the Lord. Real joy is mine, no matter if tear-drops
start;

I've found the secret – it's Jesus in my heart!

Happiness is to be forgiven, Living a life that's worth the livin'
Taking a trip that leads to heaven.

Happiness is the Lord (3x)

Offertory/Doxology

Offertory Prayer: O Lord, having been truly blessed, we wish to become a blessing. It is so good to be a part of Your Eternal Kingdom: we wish to extend the invitation to others. To that end, accept these gifts, we pray. Amen.

We come to prayer singing: VU#631 vs. 1,2
(tune 580 Faith of our Fathers)

Jesus, your boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare.

O let my heart Your dwelling be;
Come, reign without a rival there.

Yours fully, yours alone I am;
O let Your love my heart inflame.

O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Your pure love alone;

O may that love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown.

All coldness from my heart remove;
My every act, word, thought, be love.

We bring our prayers to God VU#631 vs. 3,4

O love, how gracious is Your way;
All fear before Your presence flies.
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away
Where'er Your healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I do,
But seek my joy in serving You.
In suffering, be Your love my peace;
In weakness, be Your love my power;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that final hour,
For me be rod and staff and guide,
And draw me safely to Your side.

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *We Have an Anchor* VU#675

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, Ari, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Larry Bouchard, Larry Brazier, Brigida, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marie Loch, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Larry Marcotte, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Margaret Reany & family, Cheryl Rogers, Fred Rosettani, Bruce Ryan, Isabel Saccucci, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Lesley Snair, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Jan Verschoote, Cameron

Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.

Announcements

- **World Day of Prayer** to be held at St. George's Church, Friday, March 2 at 2:00 pm.
- **Coffee Party & Bake Sale – March 20.** Please buy your tickets from the UCW or the office ASAP as they sell out quickly.

Reminders

- Our food pantry needs tea, coffee, canned meat, cleaning products and personal hygiene products. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels and dimes to support the Sunday School.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

185th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2018

~WORSHIP~

February 25, 2018 ~ 10:30 am

Lent II



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Barbara Batten

Stewards: Joanne Goodfellow & Keith Motton