

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

### Announcements ~

### Gathering Song ~

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### Call to Worship:

One: Even in the frantic push and pull of our life, we may come to the healing centre, God present with us.

**All: Our Lenten journey is a journey to heal the broken spirit.**

One: It is a time when we do not deny that there is pain and compromise, but that beyond the business and busyness of denial, God offers New life.

**All: Our Lenten journey is a journey to hearing a deeper truth.**

One: We can make the journey knowing we are not alone.

**Singing: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* VU#71**

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer:** God our Father, we come to this place to be put in touch with Your Spirit, to sharpen our awareness of Your presence with us. Renew us this day, oh God, in our understanding of what it is to be the people of Your name. So may our worship equip us to live more fully as Your own children after the manner of our brother and friend, Jesus of Nazareth, Who has shown us Your love and Whom we worship as the Christ. We pray as He 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: On this fourth Sunday of the season of Lent, we remember through story, song and prayer that we are on a journey following in the footsteps of Jesus.

**Reader 2: The stories told by, and about Jesus help us learn and grow together in our understanding of what it means to be a Christian community in our time and place.**

Reader 1: Like the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, we are called to extend our respect and hospitality to those we meet on our journey of life and faith.

**Reader 2: As we extinguish the fourth Lenten candle we acknowledge that we have not always been open and accepting of people whose customs and values are different than our own.**

### *(Extinguishing of one Lenten candle)*

Reader 1: As we watch the smoke rise we give thanks that God forgives and encourages us to strive to live in right relationship with people of all cultures and faith traditions.

**Reader 2: With thanksgiving for the refreshment of Jesus' life-giving example in our lives, 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:** O God of spirit and truth, you have blessed us with an abundance of living water. You have blessed us with love and forgiveness. When our wells run dry with the cares of this life, you fill us again with the living water that quenches the longings of our souls. You invite us to live in the healing refreshment of your presence and you welcome us to invite others to share in the

blessings you provide. As a community of faith, we gather to offer our thanks and praise to you, O God. Amen

**Anthem: *Standing on the Promises***

### Children's Time ~

**Singing: *Sing a Happy Hallelujah* VU#224**

**Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 p. 940  
Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 p. 850**

### Reflections ~ Welcome Home!

**Singing: *Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love* VU#574**

### Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

**Doxology: VU#54**

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

**Offertory Prayer:** Father of life, teach us how to reach out with our hearts, how to share our souls, and how to build life with our hands as we share in Your Kingdom through the giving of these offerings. Amen.

**We come to prayer singing:  
*Beneath the Cross of Jesus* VU#135**

### We bring our prayers to God

**Singing: *Ring the Bells of Heaven* SOG#44**

### 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 Choir.*

**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, Gail, Linda Gallant, Dan Gingras, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Ruby Horan, 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, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Harley Parkinson, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Willa Pender, 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**

- **Happy Birthday** to Erika Hasse (Mar.26), Jonathan Bergeron (Mar. 28), Doreen Gilbert (Mar. 31), Rachel Pelletier, (Mar. 31), Patricia Nielsen (April 4), Les Spurrell (Apr.6)
- **Next Sunday** our service will include the **Sacrament of Infant Baptism.**
- On **Palm Sunday, April 14th**, our worship service will be held in Memorial Hall. The Drama Group will be presenting the play *“Dream Big! A Cradle, A Cross, A Crown”*.
- **Easter is on April 21<sup>st</sup>** when between the Sunrise Service and the Holy Communion Service we serve a hot-cross bun

breakfast. **Anyone willing to help with the breakfast**, we ask you to sign the list in Memorial Hall. Thank you!

- **St. George's Church** would like to have a **“Spaghetti Garden”** this summer to grow vegetables for tomato sauce. In September, they will have a fundraising spaghetti supper for the Chateaugay Food Bank. Volunteers are needed to help plant, help maintain it during the summer, and help cook the sauce. There's more info on the bulletin board and the list to sign up.

**Reminders**

- Food Pantry ~ Thank you for your continuing 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>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Badminton</b>
“ “	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>AA Meeting</b>

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**ST. ANDREW'S  
 UNITED CHURCH**

**186<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2019**

**~WORSHIP~**

**March 31, 2019 ~ 10:30 am**

**Lent IV**



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

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

*To greet you ~*

**Elder: Sandra Fortier**

**Stewards: Joanne Goodfellow & Eric Robinson**