

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements

Gathering Song:

Jesus call us; o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea,
Day by day his clear voice sounding,
Saying, "Christian, follow me."
VU#562 vs.1

Call to Worship:

Leader: We step out gingerly, courageously, fearfully, stridently.

People: The Lenten experience always consists of a single step.

Leader: We wonder where our adventure will lead us.

People: In faith we walk with the One Who accompanies us into garden, wilderness, and city street.

Leader: May the Spirit of God be within you so that you will live!

Singing: *Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing* VU#223

Prayer and Lord's: Companion God, we journey the pathway of Lent aware that a series of crosses is before us. But as we look into the distance the crosses grow smaller, a sure sign that you are walking along with us. May each movement be sure-footed, and may we walk straight toward your welcoming embrace., as we venture in faith. We pray together...

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 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.

Sung Response:

We are walking a path of truth
We are walking a path of truth,
We are walking a path of truth,
Lead us home, lead us home.
MVU#221

Children's Time

Singing:

Jesus loves me this I know, as He loved so long ago
Taking children on His knee, saying "Let them come to ME!"

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me when I'm good, when I do the things I should.
Jesus loves me when I'm bad, But it makes Him oh so sad.

Chorus

I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus likes to hear me say, That I love Him every day!

**Scripture Readings: Psalm 121 VU p. 844
John 3:1-17 p. 863**

Singing: *All the Way My Saviour Leads Me* VU#635

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Doxology: We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you'
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
VU#218

Offertory Prayer: Father, may we bring our hearts with our gifts, that both may be blessed with Your presence, and used in Your service. Amen

We come to prayer singing: VU#382

Breathe on me, breath of God
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *Higher Ground* SOG#119

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, tea & conversation. Serving you this morning are members of the Choir.

Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Heinz Bauer, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Jean-Marc Bergeron, Bernice, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Catherine Brophy, Leah & Chris, Liam, Carol, Caroline, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Shirley Christie, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Andrew Eccles, Norm Elkin, Mary-Alice Epps, Gail, Linda Gallant, Dan Gingras, Alison and Lee Gilbert, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Ruby Horan, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Laura & family, Jim Lowson, Derrick Macri, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Dan McVeigh, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sandra Murphy, Robert Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Willa Pender, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Daniel Raigneau, Norma Raigneau, Rupert Richardson, Eric Robinson, Cheryl Rogers, Bruce Ryan, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Shirley Smith, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, John Taylor, Peter Tucker, Brian & Jan Verschoote, Margaret Whittal, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell.

Announcements:

- While Doreen Gilbert takes a well-deserved break, we welcome back Karen Frank (and husband Steve) to help us in our ministry of music. Steve and Karen have a French radio ministry with Global Outreach Ministries operating out of Chateauguay.
- The Chateauguay St. Patrick's Day Parade is Sunday, March 29th starting at 1 pm. For the last 2-3 years we've taken part -- a good way to promote St. A's! We are looking for people to parade again but in order to parade our group needs to register. Please speak to Rev. Alice so we'll know if we can do this again. It's fun!
- This week's Drama Practise Thursday 6:30 pm and Sat. at 9:30 a.m.
- Please note: the **Annual General Meeting** will be held **March 15 after the service**. A hot dog lunch will be served.

- The **Coffee Party & Bake Sale** takes place **March 24 from 10:00-12:00 noon**. Donation \$8. Please support the UCW and St. A's with your attendance and also with your home-made goodies for the breakfast table and/or the bake-sale table. We thank you for your generosity.

Reminders:

- **Thank you for your continuing support of our food pantry.**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
Wednesday	8:30 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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~WORSHIP~

March 3, 2020 ~ 10:30 am

Lent II



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine
Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Richard Fortier

Stewards: Elizabeth Bergeron & Eric Robinson