

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements

Gathering Song:

As we are gathered Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
Part of the body, - the Church of God.
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Call to Worship:

The sounds of spring are near us, the hope of Christ sustains us, the presence of God surrounds us.

May we hear God's message of hope in a world filled with pain; may we share Christ's message of peace in a world filled with hatred; may we discover anew God's plan for our lives in a world filled with confusion and fear.

Lent is a time to focus again on the ways in which we can make a difference for others.

Today is a day to set aside the past, and to be open to God's future in Jesus Christ.

Singing: *As Comes the Breath of Spring* VU#373

Prayer and Lord's: God of springtime growth, coming out of the cold we seek the flames of faith to warm us, to comfort us, and to disturb our complacency. We hunger and thirst for You, searching in what is often a desolate world. Be present to us in worship that we might find ourselves nourished and bearing fruit in the midst of the barren places where our Lenten journey leads. We pray as Jesus 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

Responsibility

Reader 1: Jesus has called us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but all too often we let the social boundaries and borders of the world divide us. We build up walls rather than bridges; we keep people out who need to be invited in. We have a responsibility to care for one another as Christ cares for us, and yet we often fail to do it.

Reader 2: We light this candle as a symbol of our hope in Jesus Christ to teach us again how to love, how to break down walls and to build bridges.

Prayer: Creator God, remind us again of our responsibility to care for one another, and to watch out for each other. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

Sung Response:

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

MVU#221

Anthem: *Speak Lord*

Children's Time

Singing:

This joy, His joy, grows and grows,
This joy, His joy, overflows,
This joy, His joy, makes my spirit free,
Thank you, Lord, for giving it to me!

Praise Ways #67

Scripture Readings: John 6: 25-40, 50-51 p. 867

Reflections: Jesus said: I am the Bread of Life

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

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Singing: *Praise Ways # 88 vs. 1,5*

Welcome here! Welcome here!
Everyone is welcome here
Regardless of your creed or race,
Everyone is welcome here!

Praise the Lord for all His goodness,
Praise Him for the hope and joy
He gives to those who trust in Jesus;
Come and praise the Lord with me!

Doxology: All that I am, all that I do,

All that I'll ever have, I offer now to You.
Take and sanctify these gifts for Your honour, Lord
Knowing that I love and serve You is enough reward
All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to You.

Praise Ways #3

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:

Break Now the Bread of Life

VU#501

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *God, Our God, Your Glorious Name* VU#730

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 Session.

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:

- The UCW Coffee Party & Bake Sale scheduled for March 24 is postponed until the fall – we'll have an autumn-themed party that promises to be a lot of fun. If you would like to be refunded, please present your ticket to the person who sold it to you or keep it for our fall event. If you have baked some goodies for this event, please consider freezing it for a possible UCW bake sale in the near future (we'll keep you informed). The UCW thanks 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
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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187th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2020

~WORSHIP~

March 15, 2020 ~ 10:30 am

Lent III



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

To greet you ~

Elder: Sandra Fortier

Stewards: Elizabeth Bergeron & Eric Robinson