

\*STAND IF ABLE

**Remain Seated: We prepare to worship singing:**

We are standing on holy ground  
And I know that there are angels all around  
Let us praise Jesus now  
We are standing in His presence on holy ground  
X2....we are standing in His presence on holy ground.

**Welcoming Words / Announcements**

\***Gathering:** Come, O Fount vs one – opening vs 2 &

**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, O Fount of Every Blessing 559 VU

**Opening Prayer:** Our Father, we come to You with praise and thanksgiving. Please open us to the presence of the world in our midst, with its need for healing, its cry for truth, and its call for integrity. May we be wise enough to receive the blessing of Your love, and kind enough to share that love with all who cross our paths. May we do so in the name of Him who taught us 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, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Anthem:** Jesus Your Name

**Lenten Candle Liturgy**

**Reader 1:** We have been born into a world of sin. We try to do the right thing, but at times we fail, and temptation seems to win. At other times, we seem to drown in our failures, believing nothing good can come from us. We forget that God has called us to repent, - to turn around, and that God remembers our sins no more.

**Reader 2:** We light this candle as a symbol of our trust in Jesus Christ that our sins are forgiven, when we turn back to God.

**Prayer:** Loving God, help us to turn back to You when we stray. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, help us to repent from where we have gone wrong. Amen.

**Singing:** We are walking a path of grace,

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

**Time with the children**

\***Singing** I love to tell the story 343 VU

**Scripture Readings:**

Psalms 121: 1-8 Hebrews 4: 14-16, John 3: 1-17

**Reflections:**

\***Singing:** What wondrous love is this 147 VU

**Presentation of Ourselves and our Gifts**

**Singing:** Jesus Christ is Waiting VU117 Vs 1&5

**Offertory:** (tune 506 VU)

Praise the Lord! abundant life flows to us through Jesus Christ, washing sins and tears away; praise the Lord who loves and saves.

**Offertory Prayer:** Lord, because we live in a world where many are at the limit of their strength, we bring these gifts for the building of a church that will share burdens and gladden hearts. May it be so. Amen.

**We gather in prayer singing:**

Breathe on me, breath of God 382 VU

**We come in Prayer**

\***Singing: I Will Sing The Wondrous Story**  
**SOG150 vs 1 – 2-3**

\***Benediction**

\***Singing: SOG150 vs 5**

Muffins, Coffee Cakes, and much more... Further details to follow.

### Announcements:

**We welcome a good friend of our congregation, Rev. Jean LeBouef from Centre Evangelique as our guest speaker this morning!**

**\*Happy Birthday** Andrew Ford March 6<sup>th</sup>!

**\*\*The St. Andrew's Annual Meeting** is being called for Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> following morning worship. If you have a report to submit for the records it will be appreciated ASAP. They can be left at the church office or submitted by email. Thank you.

\*Maplewood Presbyterian Church is offering, in both languages, a creative writing course for adults (seniors) led by LaFlorya Young, originally from Mississippi, librarian of 55+, and an author, psychologist, journalist, activist, and at one time a secretary to Harry Belafonte! (She's a young 94!) The meetings will be Tuesday afternoons at Maplewood. If you're interested, please speak to Rev. Alice and she'll forward your name.

\*The United Church Women are looking for new recruits to join their friendly group. If you're interested please contact Terry Cessford at 514-757-7232.

\*The UCW is planning a "Take a Coffee Break" March 28 featuring a buffet of your favourite Scones,

Prayer list. If we have missed someone who should be included, please advise by email or call the church office (450-698-1050). If there is someone who shouldn't be on the list, please also let us know. Thank you for your help. Tehya Armstrong, Barry, Leaman Bourgaize, Carol, Cindy, Holly, Rick Cessford, Gilles Corbin, Laura Cutherbertson, Dianah, Marilyn Eccles, Kris Epps, Theresa Elsmore-Hayes, Ed Hodgson, Gail, Linda Gallant, Alison and Lee Gilbert, Schofield Jackson, Kai, Jordan King, Laura & Family, Len, Derrick Macri, Dan McVeigh, Cheryl Miller, Wendy Miller, Sophie Paige, Julie Patterson, Cindy Head, Daniel and Norma and Patrick Raigneau, Bruce Rathwell, Shirley Rathwell, Joanne Renaud, Rupert, Megan, and Ian Richardson, Eric Robinson, Sarah, Shelley and daughter, Shirley Smith and Gordon Alexander, Gony Soliman, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, Brenda Strohmeyer, Parents of Kosta Theofanos, Ukrainian family – Dmitry, Maryna, and Yehor; Jan Verschoote, Wally Walker, Margaret Whittal, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell

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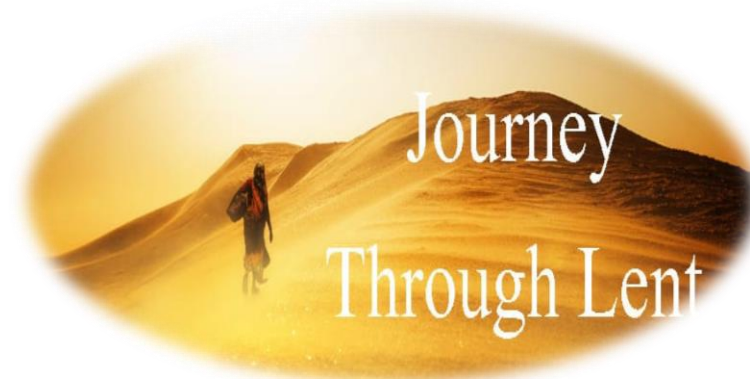
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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH  
190th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2023**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

**Special Guest: Pastor Jean Leboeuf**

**Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs**

