

***STAND IF ABLE**

Remain Seated

We prepare to worship singing:

337 VU Blessed Assurance vs 1 & 3

Welcoming words / Announcements

***Gathering:** God reveal Your presence 391 VU vs. 1

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: God has called us to this place
and to this hour.

People: He sees more in us than we see in ourselves.

Leader: We cannot be absent from His presence or
apart from His redemptive judgment.

People: He sets our past aside and calls us to life today and to freedom for the future.

Leader: Let us sing His praise this hour
for loving us the way He does.

***Singing:** God reveal Your presence 391 VU vs. 2,3

Opening Prayer: Lord of life, often our souls thirst
for this day. We long for a breath of fresh air. Our
minds have grown stale and our hearts weak. Your
Son has promised us an abundant life and we have
forgotten that a promise becomes a reality only when
we reach out to receive it. May this service be our
time of reaching out as we 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.

Lenten Candle Liturgy

*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.*

Singing:

We are walking a path of love X 3
Lead us home, lead us home.

Time with the children

***Singing:** Praise our Maker 316 VU

Scripture Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7; John 4 : 5-42

Reflections: “Come You Who Are Thirsty”

***Singing:** I heard the voice of Jesus say 626 VU

Presentation of Ourselves and our Gifts

***Offertory:**

Life -giving water let us be
Unto a thirsting world;
Lord, use the offering that we bring
To fill and satisfy. 344 VU

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.

As we enter into prayer the Choir sings:

In Times Like These

We gather in prayer:

***We go into the world singing:**

The Way of the Cross Leads Home 50 SOG vs. 1,2

*Benediction

*Singing:

The Way of the Cross Leads Home 50 SOG vs. 3

Announcements:

** Happy Birthday:

March 15 Skylar Hall, March 16 Nancy Taylor

**If you are having trouble coming up the stairs to the sanctuary, we once again are providing linked services to the parlor. Afterwards you'll be able to join everyone for fellowship in Memorial Hall. We hope you can come!

**Know of anyone with need for washer and dryer only about 4 years old, having belonged to Eileen Sim

**The United Church Women are looking for new recruits to join their friendly group. If you are 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 favorite Scones, Muffins, Coffee Cakes, and much more... Starts at 10 a.m. Donation \$8

**St. Andrew's Annual Meeting is being called for Sunday, March 26th 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.

Prayer list. If we have missed someone who should be included or if there is someone who shouldn't be on the list please advise by email or call the church office (450-698-1050). 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 Strohmeier, 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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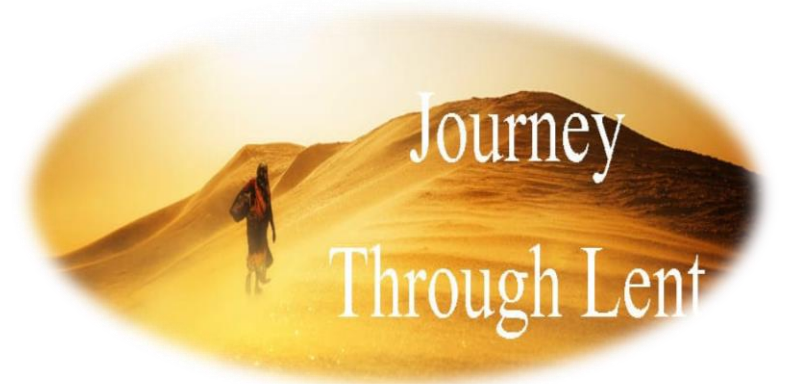
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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
190th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2023**



3rd Sunday in Lent

March 12th, 2023

Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

