



Sunday, February 21, 2021



Lent is defined as the period of 40 days that Christians observe from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It is often marked with giving up something one really likes. It is a reflective time of penitence in preparation for Easter. It is a time of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert of 40 days. Let us as ponder these things in our hearts.

Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

WASHROOMS: Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the

FIND YOUR PLACE

Update on Church Re-Opening

A new Health Order was issued on February 12 that provides for a modest relaxation of restrictions on attendance at religious services. The Church Council met Tuesday and we decided that for the time being, we will continue with on-line services only. We recognize the spiritual needs of our members and know that some members are unable to access the service on line. We are not re-opening for anyone to attend, but are wanting to offer the opportunity for those who would like to come who cannot access it on a computer at home. You are certainly welcome to attend the recording sessions.

Please call or email the Church Office to register if possible, however, you can come and be screened at the door. You can enter the sanctuary through the Kingsway entrance (east side door). This is short notice but we are open to having people present this Thursday at the recording at 6:00 p.m.

Glenn Neufeld

Re-Opening Committee and Member of Church Council



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING: Priere a Notre Dame *Leon Boellmann*

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Preaching Annual, 2021* published by Abingdon Press)

The path lies before us. **Let us set our feet upon the path.**

In the distance we hear a cheering crowd.

Beyond, we see the dark shadow of the cross.

Grant us courage, O God, **Send your Spirit to walk beside us.**

OPENING HYMN: **MV135** Called by earth and sky vs. 1 & 2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Written by Rita Swan

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: **MV135** Called by earth and sky vs. 3 & 4

OPENING PRAYER: (*Responsive Prayers, Year B, David Sparks*)

God says, "I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants."

God never leaves us.

When we are feeling defeated, **God never leaves us.**

When we are in the depths of loss, **God never leaves us.**

When hope seems an impossible dream. **God never leaves us.**

And at this time of Lenten reflection, **God is present for us.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Chris Donlevy - "Oh, didn't it rain" *arr. Harry T Burleigh.*

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 9:8-17 read by Rita Swan

HYMN: **VU449** Crashing Waters at Creation vs. 1 & 2

SERMON

HYMN: **VU449** Crashing Waters at Creation vs. 3 & 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916:

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU149** Were the whole realm of nature mine vs. 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

that were a present far too small:

love so amazing, so divine,

demands my soul, my life, my all.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God most holy.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

we worship you, and bless your name:

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

By what we do here, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The Bread of Life

The Cup of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us partake together the bread of life.

Let us partake together the cup of everlasting life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,

we give you thanks for the gift of our Saviour's presence

in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal.

Unite us with all who are fed by the life of Christ

that we may faithfully proclaim the Good News of your love

and that your church may be a rainbow of hope

in an uncertain world;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION (VU422 God be with you till we meet again vs.1)

God be with you till we meet again;

loving counsels guide, uphold you,

with a shepherd's care enfold you;

God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE: Menuet gothique *Leon Boellmann*

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

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Just A Warm Sleep Just Opened!

Here's a shot of our crew before we opened the doors.

- Bear Paw Security thanks to funding from End Homelessness Winnipeg.
- **Smiling Intake staff thanks to YOU!!!!!!**
- Housing Coordinators thanks to the United Church of Canada Foundation.
- Meals from Fionn MacCools on every mat thanks to Fionn's Food Fund Donors.
- **Masks for guests (everyone tonight needed one) toiletries and socks thanks to YOU!**

YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

Announcements

A special thank you to our soloist, Chris Donlevy this morning, thank you for sharing your gift with us. Thanks to Rita Swan who is co-leading worship

If you or anyone you know has a special birthday, anniversary or celebration coming up let us know so that we can announce it.

Scripture Readings for next week:

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38



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