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Worship Service

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First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 6th, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Want to Fast this Lent? by Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Page 2 **Praising God**

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation" Joseph Funk
arr. Cindy Berry



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Lent calls us to a journey of spiritual reflection and renewal.

The way can be full of temptations and difficult decisions, as well as opportunities and blessings.

So take courage.

We do not travel alone.

The Spirit of God will strengthen us.

Let our worship shape our journey.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Guiding and directing God, we worship You as the One who led Jesus into the wilderness and has brought us to this season of Lent. We are grateful that the resources You gave Jesus are available to us. Touch us with a renewed sense of what is most important and inspire us to more fully follow Your gospel path. Amen.

Hymn (108) "Throughout These Lenten Days
and Nights" vs. 1,3,4,5

- 1 Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.
- 3 We bear the silence, cross and pain
of human burdens, human strife,
while sisters, brothers help sustain
our courage till the Feast of Life.
- 4 And though the road is hard and steep,
the Spirit ever calls us on through
Calvary's dying, dark and deep,
until we see the coming Dawn.
- 5 So let us choose the path of One
who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,
and slept in death that we might wake
to life on Resurrection Morn!

Our Lenten Project

The United Church:
Gifts with Vision

Prayer for Grace (unison)

God of life, You call us to care for one another and for all creation. Sometimes it's tempting to look for happiness in the wrong places. Sometimes we think that the things we could have, or the things we could do, would make us happy. Forgive us when we lose our focus. In this Lenten season, bring us closer to You, O God. Fill our lives with Your presence and priorities. Amen.

Sung Assurance (577) "Peace Like a River" vs. 1,3

- 1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
- 3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

Hebrew Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-11

C. MacLean

(Offering our gifts of thanksgiving to God.)

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:1-13

C. MacLean

(Jesus is tested in the desert.)

Solo

"To the Desert Jesus Came" Linnea Good
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano



Sermon "Making Good Choices" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (115) "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert" vs.1, 3, 4

1 Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
'Use your power,' the tempter tells him;
'turn these barren rocks to bread!'
'Not alone by bread,' he answers,
'can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!'

3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain
by the lure of vast domain:
'Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!'
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way:
'God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!'

4 When we face temptation's power,
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,

come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.

Responding to God

Lenten Litany

Juanita Austin

Read by C. MacLean & Rev. Cooper

One: Forty days to wander in the wilderness.

That is what Lent calls us to do.

All: And so we wander, unsure of where we are going, uncertain of the purpose of this journey, unsettled by the silence of the desert, and overwhelmed by the opportunities before us.

Hymn (154) MV "Deep In Our Hearts" vs. 1

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

One: Yet even in the wilderness time we feel the pull
of the Spirit. We find ourselves yearning for the
One who puts breath in our lungs and tosses
the stars into the sky.

All: We are desperate to know God as Abraham did and feel the blessing of the Creator upon us. Even in this wild space, we know the Holy is near.

Hymn (154) MV "Deep In Our Hearts" vs. 2

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;

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Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

One: And so we gather at this spiritual place and time.
We could turn back; we've not gone too far in
the desert yet. But we won't! We will keep on
this sacred journey, trusting that God will guide
us.

**All: We will keep on trusting that wisdom will be
offered. We will keep on trusting that in this
wilderness time we will be offered glimpses
of a God who fills our lives with love, joy, and
meaning.**

Hymn (154) MV "Deep In Our Hearts" vs. 3
Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

One: In the midst of a snowy, cold winter, in the midst
of the uncertainty of a pandemic, we have
slipped into a new liturgical season.

**All: The colour has changed from green to
purple; the mood is introspective.**

One: A journey is being undertaken. We begin to
recall Jesus' last weeks of ministry, before
crucifixion and death try to silence him.

**All: Our lives are changed as we follow Jesus on
this journey. Let us follow the path of Jesus
through this season of Lent.**

Hymn (154) MV "Deep In Our Hearts" vs. 4
Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;

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Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Commissioning and Benediction

Although the road is long and the journey is hard
Although the mountains are too high
And the valleys are too low
By your grace, give us hope
By your power, give us strength
By your mercy, give us wisdom
So that we may continue to go where you lead us
Until all Your children are safe from harm.
May we go with Your light shining in us. Amen.

Choral Amen "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With ev'ry step I take let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Postlude "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"
American folk hymn, arr. Jack Schrader

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video
worship service today. We hope you found the
worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, and R. Bloor for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to C. MacLean for reading our scriptures and litany. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, March 6th, First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 13th, Second Sunday of Lent

The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 13th**, 2022, at **1p.m.** on Zoom audio/video.

Sunday, March 20th, Third Sunday of Lent

"March is Broadview Month"

Broadview (formerly the Observer): Renewal time for the United Church's *Broadview* magazine is fast approaching. If you already have a subscription, please send \$25.00 to the church and indicate the money is for your Broadview subscription. You may either e-transfer the money to office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca or mail a cheque to 2609 Bayview Ave, North York, ON M2L 1B5. If you are a new subscriber, please follow the same procedure but please also send **your full name and mailing address** to S. Yamashita. All renewals and new subscriptions are due by March 27th, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact our BUC Broadview Representative, S. Yamashita. Thank you.

Lenten Offering Project:

This year you are invited to support the United Church **Gifts with Vision** program. Your **donations** given to **BUC** on **Easter Sunday** will go towards supporting the following 3 projects.

1. In many communities in Zambia, water has to be brought from far away, often by young girls. The time-consuming task of bringing daily water forces them to give up their education. The People's Action Forum is **drilling a well** at Kamulaseni Community School in Chipata. With clean and safe water available locally, more girls will be able to stay in school, and the local community will benefit.
2. An **olive tree** can live 1,000 years in harsh conditions and yields a generous harvest. Over decades of Israeli military occupation, hundreds of thousands of olive trees in Palestine have been systematically destroyed. Many Palestinians rely on olive trees for their livelihood, nutrition, and other vital uses. Join the YWCA of Palestine and East Jerusalem YMCA in helping Palestinians plant trees for prosperity and peace.
3. More than 80 million people worldwide are currently fleeing danger, persecution, or starvation. Around the world, **displaced persons** face untold suffering and need, and their number is growing. On average, one person is displaced every two seconds. Food, shelter, education and training, health care, and other vital programs for displaced persons are even more important during the

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pandemic. The United Church's partners in Africa, the Middle East, and South America provide care and support to people who have had to leave everything behind.

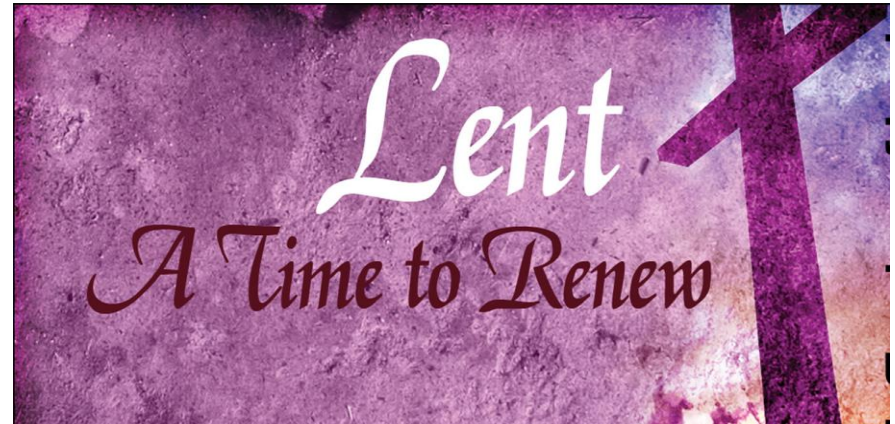
Thank you for your support!

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please email Rev. Cooper or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

You can support Bayview United Church using **e-transfer** from your bank. Decide the amount you wish to donate, follow your bank's instructions & email to: office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca. In the comments section, indicate where you would like your donation to go, for example Local, Mission and Service, Easter, Memorial, etc. If you do not use e-transfer you can always mail your cheque to the church. Thank you for your support of BUC.

God bless you, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, and same Zoom phone number or video link.



Have a blessed day!