St. Paul's United Church February 22nd, 2015 – First Sunday in Lent Scout-Guide Sunday * = please stand as you are able

Prelude:

*Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, *and also with you.*

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful. *Show us your ways and teach us your paths.* We wait for you.

Lead us in your paths of truth.

Do not remember our failures.

Out of your merciful grace, forgive us. You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast. We lift up our souls to you, and praise you always.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15Rev. Richard Bowley*Opening HymnAll The Way My Saviour Leads MeVU 635

Prayer of Reconciliation (*Responsive*)

God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope.

God of pathways,

you show us how we should walk. Yet we forget our connection with one another and think that we are the center of the universe.

God of the journey,

Guide us back when we wander from your paths of truth. Forgive us and lead us back into the arms of your love. Lenten Candle Liturgy
Seven candles burning,
The way before us is clear. There is wilderness. There is
temptation. There is hardship.The light of Christ yet shines,
And just as God was with Christ in the desert so God will
walk with us on this journey.ResponseKindle A Flame(X2)VU 19
Kindle a flame to lighten the dark and take all fear away.

one candle is extinguished

One candle not burning. *Morning has just broken on this Lenten journey.* The path we walk leads to darkness. *Yet the night is darkest before the dawn.* Let us journey together as we seek this new dawn. Thanks be to God. *AMEN*

Let us sing together the Lord's Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
VU 959

Children's Choir Time For All Ages Sacrament of Baptism of Airdie Joanne Jemma Smith (*Purple Insert*)

HymnThere Is Room For All (X2)MV 62There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.HymnMV 62And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all.HymnHymn

Prayers of the People

Moment for Community

*Hymn

I Am The Dream

Offertory

*Dedication Verse VU 542

We give you but your own, whate'er the gifts may be; All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

*Dedication Prayer (Unison)

You offer us a lifetime of gracious gifts, O God, and we are eternally grateful. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ is your supreme gift, and the impetus to our giving. O God, bless these gifts which your people bring, and with them the time and commitment of faithful service. AMEN

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Marilyn Brewer

Anthem Message

***Hymn** Come O Fount of Every Blessing VU 574

*Commissioning (*Responsive*)
Go and testify to God's faithful promises. *God's covenant is everlasting.*Go and follow God's ways. *The ways of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.*Go and proclaim God's good news. *The time is now. Turn to God.*

*Benediction

*Choral Closing VU 422

Postlude