

St. Paul's United Church

March 15th, 2015 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

* = *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.

Introit

MV 85(x2)

*Take O take me as I am. Summon out what I will be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

God loves us with a steadfast love.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

Let us believe and have eternal life!

God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

Let us have faith to receive this grace!

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

***Opening Hymn**

Bless now O God the journey

VU 633

Prayer of Reconciliation (Responsive)

God, we so often work against you. We have spoken against you and your servant Jesus.

We have lied. We have cursed you and others. We have been consumed by doubt.

We have been bitten with the venom of hatred in our world.

We have oppressed the helpless. We have been intolerant of others. We have delighted in violence. We have squandered the gift of this world.

Please, God, forgive us our missteps and missed opportunities. Heal us that we may readily welcome you.

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Four candles burning and midnight closes in.

Farthest from dusk. Farthest from dawn.

Where do we turn to seek new light?

As light dies around us, let us strengthen the light within.

Response

Kindle A Flame(X2)

VU 19

Kindle a flame to lighten the dark and take all fear away.

fourth candle is extinguished

Four candles not burning makes darkness increase.

O God, make our light be burning so bright that darkness would cease.

We all would be sleeping and night would befall.

But then light would show up all that we know. Christ shine on us all!

The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

Time For All Ages

Hymn

There Is Room For All (X2)

MV 62

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;

There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing,

"My refuge and my rock in whom I trust."

There is room for all, there is room for all.

Prayers of the People

***Hymn**

Come let us sing if a wonderful Love

VU 574

Minute for Mission

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 (Responsive)**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love in Christ endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

*God's steadfast love gave us salvation through Jesus Christ,
our Lord.*

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love has not left us to perish.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love provides eternal life.

Hebrew Scripture:

Numbers 21:4-9

Rev. Bowley

Psalms 107 (VU 831 parts 1 & 2) Rev. Bowley

Anthem

Message

***Hymn** Guide me O thou great Jehovah VU 651

***Commissioning (Unison)**

*God's great love and rich mercy have made us alive in Christ. Let us
depart to live lives of grace, and to do good works.*

***Benediction**

***Choral Closing** VU 422

God be with you till we meet again.

Loving Councils guide uphold you.

With a shepherds care enfold you.

God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet.

Till we meet, till we meet.

God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude