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**JOY**  
OF THE  
*Lord*  
IS YOUR  
**STRENGTH**  


# St. Paul's United Church

March 1st, 2020 First Sunday of Lent

Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.  
At the points marked \* - those who are able are invited to stand.

*The law of the Lord is perfect...the precepts of the Lord are right...the fear of the Lord is pure...More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.*  
-Psalm 19:7a, 8a, 9a, 10

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude Toccata for Flute Yan

### \* Land Acknowledgement

#### Greeting (Responsive):

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### Lenten Liturgy (Responsive):

We stand in the light of Christ,  
**revealed not only to God, but to ourselves.**

We look at ourselves and know.

**We know the ways we have made God second in our lives. We have sinned by making idols of money or power, making shrines to possessions. Forgive us our fear. Forgive us for turning from you. In our brokenness we struggle to follow you...**

*(silent reflection)*

The light reveals who we are, but it also reveals a path at our feet.

**We walk with the assurance that God finds us in our sin, embraces us, and loves us to wholeness in Christ.**

Introit: Take O Take me As I am (X2) MV 85  
Take, O take me as I am.  
Summon out what I shall be  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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<b>Sun.:</b>	By Appointment	11:30-1:30	By Appointment
<b>Mon.:</b>	10:30-12 pm	10-1	1-3
<b>Tues.:</b>	By Appointment	10-1	10-11.30
<b>Wed:</b>	10:30-12:30 pm	10-1	By Appointment
<b>Thurs.:</b>	12-2 pm	10-1	1-3
<b>Friday:</b>	Day off	Day off	Day off

*The Reverends hours are subject to change due to Emergency Pastoral Care, meetings and other church business elsewhere.*

## Upcoming Weekly Activities

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	8:30 am-4 pm	Adult Learning Association
	8-5:30 p.m.	English Second Language
	11:30-1 pm	AA -Downstairs Lounge
Tuesday	7-9:30	Choral Society
	7-9:30	River Valley Choir
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
<b>Mon., Tues. &amp; Sat.</b>	7-9 pm	AA - Downstairs Lounge
<b>Mon-Thurs</b>	6:30-8 pm	Tae kwon do
<b>Wednesday</b>	9-11am	Pantry
<b>Thursday</b>	7-8:30	Choir Practice
<b>Saturday</b>	10 am-noon	Tae kwon do
<b>Sunday</b>	9:15 am	Bible Study - Conference Room

Observing Lent in Community. Bible verse for the month : If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet you too must wash each other's feet." (John 13:14) Jesus Teaches (Matthew 1-9) The Beautitudes : Jesus said God blesses people who are sad, kind, forgiving and humble. To have a happy life people would need to know what is right in their hearts, want to follow God and live peacefully.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** are due if you haven't completed one yet please do so asap.

### **Other News**

**The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council** will be presenting the following three services to mark World Day of Prayer:  
Friday, March 6 at 7pm at the Salvation Army Church  
Sunday, March 8 at 2pm at St. Peters Anglican Church  
Sunday, March 8 at 2pm at Wilmot United Church  
Theme: Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk; written by the Women of Zimbabwe Donna Chauvin will be taking part in the Wilmot service.  
Information: Ann Raper 457-0164

Enjoy a JIGGS DINNER at 5:30 pm Saturday, March 14th, at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, featuring corned beef, cabbage, carrots, turnip, potatoes, pease pudding and dessert for \$14. Reservations only – phone Larry and Helen Forward, 457-1338 by March 11th.

*God* is good

### **Welcome & Announcements**

\* **Gathering Hymn:** Throughout These Lenten Days VU 108

\* **Call to Worship (Responsive):**

We come to kneel at the feet of the one whom they say will save us.

**What must we do to inherit eternal life?**

We listen for the ways that we might follow more closely.

**What if he asks for too much? What if we're not ready?**

**What if we're not willing?**

We wait on the Word to guide us from who we are to who we can be.

**Let us join in worship and be transformed by this Holy Encounter.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Story Time Verse:** I love to tell the Story (vs 1, no refrain) VU 343

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.\* Land**

**Acknowledgement**

**I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.**

### **Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart & Profession of Faith**

**Story Time Verse:** I love to tell the Story (vs 3, with refrain) VU 343

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**Today's Scripture:** Mark 10:17-31

Harold Raper

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Anthem:**

**Gentle Voice  
Kirsten Simpson**

**Dengler  
Violin**

**Message:**

**What Must We Do?**

**Rev. Richard**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn: To Show by touch and word **VU 427**

\* Moment for Community

\* Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Chorale Prelude **Willan**

\* Dedication Verse: In Gratitude **VU 544**

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

\* Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

These gifts are a symbol of the way that we offer our very selves to you, O God. All that we have and all that we are is a gift from you, and so we give back of our time, talents, and treasures for the work of your church. Bless what has been given here today. Bless what is given through PAR. Bless all the work that we do from day to day in your name. May your blessing pour out over all we do in the building of your kingdom of love. This we ask in the strong name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

**SENDING FORTH**

\* Closing Hymn: Wherever You May Go **MV 216**

\* Commissioning (Responsive):

The Word, like a shepherd, is calling us on.

**The worship is over, but the service is just beginning.**

We have heard what is required of us to follow that call:

**Our very selves. Made ready by the embrace of the Holy Spirit, we listen that God's will might guide our steps.**

We rise to walk with our brother Christ,

**Called to share the message of eternal life with those longing to hear it.**

\* Benediction

\* Choral Closing: Walk with me **VU 649**

**Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build land that God has planned  
where love shines through.**

Postlude **Postlude alla Marcia**

**Grey**

**Announcements**

**Greeters:** Chris Grant and Isabelle Green

**Collectors Upstairs:** Steeves Family

**Downstairs: Left Side:** Larry Buick and Roger Miller

**Middle:** Isabel Green

**Right Side:** Tammy Coughlin and Dean Jones

**Coffee Hour (March 8th):** Senior Choir

**Services & Activities**

**Liturgy Through Lent.** Some say that Lent is a time to give something up. Another practice of Lent is letting something go. Each Sunday through Lent there will be a time of reflection as we take open up to God and to ourselves. During that time, each of us will be asked to write something in response to a question, and place that paper in a jar. No names, just experiences and truths we share with the one who calls us to follow him.

**Becoming a Member.** Has St. Paul's United Church become a home for you? Consider becoming a member! Through the season of Lent we will have membership classes, welcoming new members on Easter Sunday. Get your names to the office, and we can start this journey together. Phone: 458-1183. or Email: [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com).

**Lenten Prayer Service.** Starting on March 1st and continuing through until April 5th Rev. Richard will be leading a prayer service online each week. All are invited to take in this time of prayer and reflection. When?: Weekly on Sunday @ 7 pm starting on March 1st How to Connect?: Log in through Zoom by following this link: <https://zoom.us/j/863317863>, or call in through the following number: 1(647)558-0588, and use this meeting ID: 863 317 863.

**Retirement Home Services.** As March approaches, we want to remind everyone that we have regular worship services at a few Retirement Homes in the area. These services help keep us connected to one another, especially for those who find getting to Sunday worship difficult or impossible. Come and join in the singing and the praying as we widen our community to include as many as possible. Dates for services are below:

Wednesday, March 4th: St. Anne's Court @ 3 pm (chapel on 3rd floor)

Thursday, March 5th: Frederick Hall @ 9:45 am and Governour Hall (Fiddlehead Lounge) @ 10:30 am

Thursday, March 19th: Windsor Court @ 10 am (5th floor common area)