



*Thank you for Worshipping with us  
Today*

# St. Paul's United Church

March 15th, 2020 Third 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.

*Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name for ever.  
-Psalm 86:11-12*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

### Prelude

### 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,

**Where we are revealed not only to God, but to ourselves.**

We look at ourselves and know.

**We know the ways that we have made God second in our lives. We have sinned by abusing the gifts of this world and our kindred who walk it. We take more than we give; we claim what is not ours; we damage the earth and our relationships. Forgive us those times when we have cared more for ourselves than for others. Forgive us our careless treatment of your world. Forgive us our greed. In our brokenness we struggle to follow you...**

*(silent reflection)*

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

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

**Sung liturgy response: 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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### Office Hours

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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
<b>Tuesday</b>	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

**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.

**Today In Sunday School:** *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 Washes Feet ( John 13:1-17) At their last supper together Jesus taught the disciples by example one of his most important lessons—how to be a servant leader. Before the meal, Jesus washed each of his disciples' feet, a job usually done by a servant.*

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

**Retirement Home Services.** We want to remind everyone that we have regular worship services at a few Retirement Homes in the area. Come and join in the singing and the praying as we widen our community to include as many as possible. Next Service Thursday, March 19th: Windsor Court @ 10 am (5th floor common area)

*God* is good

**Welcome & Announcements**

\* **Gathering Hymn:** Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

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

God calls us to be stewards of one another.  
**Each is a reflection of God's image walking in our midst, to be cared for and not abused.**

God calls us to be stewards of the world.  
**God's hand has shaped all things. God's breath connects all things. When part of God's creation is harmed, all of creation suffers.**

God calls us to this place to worship.  
**To give thanks for the gifts that God has given us in this world and in one another.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Story Time Verse:** I love to tell the Story (vs 1) VU 343  
**I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. 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, & 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 12:1-17 Lynne Naugler  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Anthem:** Holy Spirit, Hope and Healer Beall & Carter

**Message:** Giving to God what is God's Rev Richard

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* **Hymn:** O God How We have Wandered VU 112



- \* **Moment for Community:**
- \* **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

- \* **Dedication Verse: God of all Good (vs 1) VU 539**

God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
 Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.  
 Tokens of love and pledges brought anew  
 That our whole life is offered to Your will.

- \* **Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

Nothing in this world comes from nothing. Everything comes from you, O God. Everything bears your mark, your spark; your very name is written in the stars as in our hearts. Receive these gifts, a portion of the bounty that you gave to us. It is yours. We are yours. Bless these gifts, as well as those given by PAR and in service to your kingdom. Bless us that we might be a blessing to others. We ask this and all things in Jesus' name. AMEN

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

**SENDING FORTH**

- \* **Closing Hymn: Take my life and let it be VU 506**

- \* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

God is calling us from worship to service.

**We give thanks for having come to hear the Good News, to walk in the Way with Christ.**

God is calling us to be stewards of the world.

**Let us bring healing to creation, not for ourselves but in the name of our Creator.**

God is calling us to be stewards of one another.

**We are the keepers of our kindred. We are partners on this journey. We are reflections of God's own image, and we reflect God's love-light on all we meet.**

- \* **Benediction**

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

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

**Postlude**

**Announcements**

**Greeters: Barb Fletcher and Larry Buick**  
**Collectors Upstairs: Steeves Family**  
**Downstairs: Left Side: Gail and Ralph Stephenson**  
**Middle: Isabel Green**  
**Right Side: Tammy Coughlin and Dean Jones**  
**Coffee Hour (March 22nd): Board**

**Services & Activities**

**New Piano is in the Sanctuary**, we are blessed to have this Grand Piano, the Price was \$31000 we received \$14,470 in Donations to the Terry Pond Fund. Leaving us with a deficit of **\$16,530**. Donations are still eagerly being sought, Thanks to everyone who supported the Terry Pond Fund and the purchase of this wonderful Piano.

**The President of Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters Region Audrey Louder**, is looking forward to meeting as many of our lay members as possible. Our meeting date is **March 25th starting at 7:00 pm at Nashwaaksis United Church**. Please register - if you haven't already, so we can contact you if weather causes us to re-schedule. You can register by emailing [alouder@gmail.com](mailto:alouder@gmail.com) or by calling 506-977-1308. We are gathering as lay and clergy together.

**Saint Paul's 80's Youth Group Reunion** June 6th & 7th, 2020, Saturday, June 6th, 5:00 pm – Youth Group Family Barbeque at Oakland Farm & Lodge, New Maryland. Sunday, June 7th, 9:00 am – Youth Group Breakfast here at Saint Paul's also at 10:30 am Church Service Special Guest Speaker Rev. Ivan Gregan for more information contact [karoline.barr62@yahoo.com](mailto:karoline.barr62@yahoo.com) or [greenbrad923@gmail.com](mailto:greenbrad923@gmail.com)

**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: