

St. Paul's United Church

February 28th - The Season of Lent

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

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

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Greeting (Responsive)

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.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

In the midst of trouble and turmoil, God is our refuge.

God is our mother hen, with wings open to us.

In God's strength we shall know love.

In God's love we shall witness the Good News.

Come, let us worship God.

We open our hearts, that we might truly become bearers of peace and justice.

Opening Prayer

Interlude

Theme Conversation:

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Hear us, loving God, Sometimes we miss the opportunities we are given to take up something new. Occasionally we grow tired and allow a greedy and unjust world to be our guide. Now and then we keep up a good front, but let our personal faith grow weak, too busy to pray, too weary to read your words. Stand behind us, Lord, encourage us. Wrap your wings around us and let us feel your strength. Breath your love into our minds and hearts, waken our courage and inspire us to do your work. Amen

Assurance of God's love

Today's Scripture: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

This is the Word of our God.

Praise be to you, O Creator.

Message

Mother Hens and Fig Trees

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission: When a Roof is More than a Roof

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

You have challenged us to give to you God, without counting the cost. We offer our gifts and ask that you bless them to continue your ministry of healing in this hurting world. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

Spirit of Gentleness

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Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing: wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You swept thro' the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro'
your prophets to open their eyes.

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blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
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SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive)

As we travel this Lenten pathway, we journey together, a community of faith

As we travel this Way of Jesus, we journey together, but also alone.

Let us go into God's world, practising our faith,

living Christ's call to love God with all that we are, to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

Benediction

We go into God's world knowing we are never alone. Christ's peace, the Creator's love, and the breath of the Holy Spirit go with us. Amen!

Postlude

Commissioning/Benediction by the Rt. Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator, The United Church of Canada.

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Give thanks
TO THE **LORD**

FOR HE IS good:

HIS love ENDURES
forever.

PSALM 107:1